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One dead, 5 injured in accidents caused by weather

DAVID RUDGE

THE wintry weather, which has created havoc on the roads and taken its toll in lives, seems set to ease in the next few days, although the forecast is still for lower-than-average temperatures.

One man was killed and five wounded, two seriously, in accidents related to the cold weather.

A Thai laborer working in Moshav Netiv Ha'asara burned to death and his roomate suffered injuries when laundry they had hung close to their electric heater caught fire. The two were asleep when the accident occurred.

In a separate incident, two border policeman staying in a Jerusalem youth hostel were seriously injured when an electric heater placed too close to their beds set fire to a blanket.

The director and deputy-director of the Bernstein Youth Hostel were also lightly injured from smoke inhalation, the police spokesman said.

Firefighters called to scene, near Kikar Tzarfat, quickly put out the blaze.

The spokesman said the two border policemen were suffering from severe burns and smoke inhalation. They were among many police and Border Police officers living in hostels and cheap hotels while temporarily serving in the capital, he said.

An elderly man burned to death at his home in Ramle in a fire caused by smoking in bed.

Elsewhere, the weather caused the closure of some roads in the North, especially on the Golan Heights, where snow temporarily shut several roads.

The snow was, however, warmly welcomed by the management of the Mount Hermon ski site. The site opened for visitors yesterday for the the first time this winter, and residents of Moshav Neveh Ativ, who run the ski center and hotels for vacationers, prepared for what they hope will be an influx of holiday makers.

The recent snow flurries have dumped up to 40 cm. on the lower slopes of the mountain and as much as 90 cm. on its peak, although site manager Eli Sagron said it is still too early to say when the ski runs will open.

The recent rains have also helped raise the level of Lake Kinneret by 12 cm. in the space of a few days.

Zvi Ortenberg, chairman of the Lake Kinneret Authority, said the rise was as much as throughout the past few weeks.

He noted that overall the level of the lake had gone up by 26 cm. since its lowest point at the beginning of November. It now stands 1.94 meters from its maximum high-water mark.

Ortenberg said he was very optimistic that, with two more months of winter, there is every chance the lake would reach *maximum*.

Meanwhile, Mekorot has shut down the National Water Carrier for 60 days to enable essential repairs and maintenance.

The cessation of pumping from the Kinneret into the water carrier is also expected to help increase its level.

Yehoshua Kantor, director of Mekorrot's Hevel Hayarden Department, which includes the water carrier, said that in some cases equipment had not been touched since the carrier became operational in 1964.

Batsheva Tzur adds:

Fierce storms and biting cold continued in the South. The heavy rains, which fell unabated, reduced visibility and left cars stranded.

Normally dry wadi beds turned into muddy rivers, and large "lakes" formed where only a few weeks ago the earth had been parched and cracked.

Because of the flooding, roads to several sections of Beersheba, as well as to the Dead Sea, Mitzpe Rimon, Tze'elim, and Revivim were closed.

Several soldiers doing guard duty in the mountainous regions of the Negev reportedly were treated for frostbite, as temperatures plummeted on Saturday night.



Hamas student activists dressed as religious Jews and wearing false beards re-enact the kidnapping of Nahshon Waxman at an election rally at the Islamic University in Gaza. Hundreds of students jeered as Wachsman was portrayed as a frightened boy calling for his mother. (AP)

Ministers favor revising Oslo accord

DAVID MAKOVSKY

A MAJORITY of ministers who have gone on record favor adjustments in the Oslo accord, but they are divided on what those modifications should be.

Most suggest it is impossible to reconcile two provisions of the Oslo accord: IDF redeployment from Arab population centers in the territories, and retaining all the settlements in their present locations.

Economics Minister Shimon Shetreet summarized the importance of yesterday's cabinet session: "We have come to the point where clarity, not ambiguity, is needed, if we want to know where we are headed in this peace process."

The cabinet will reconvene in special session on Wednesday, so that all the ministers will have an opportunity to present their views.

The ministers who have indicated they favor redeployment while relocating at least some settlements are Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur, Immigration Minister Yair Tzaban, and Tourism Minister Uzi Baram.

Those who have so far made it clear they oppose redeployment are Shetreet and Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin recently seemed to put himself in this category, when he said that he favors redeployment for the three days surrounding Palestinian elections. However, he immediately disavowed the remark amid criticism by Palestinians that he favored symbolic, not genuine redeployment, and this violated the Oslo accord.

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni has indicated she prefers the Palestinians holding elections, and then moving to final status talks. In this, she is joined by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin.

In contrast, both Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Police Minister Moshe Shahal say they believe Israel must move ahead on redeployment, while insisting this can be done without moving any settlements.

The following ministers, all of whom are usually associated with Rabin's positions, have so far refused comment: Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar, and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat.

The views of Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein and Justice Minister David Liba'i are also unknown.

Shahal: We have final status security map

DAVID MAKOVSKY and ALON PINKAS

A MAP of final status security concerns has been drawn up to guide Israel during the next phase of interim status negotiations with the Palestinians, Police Minister Moshe Shahal told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, appearing yesterday on *This Week with David Brinkley*, said adjustments might be made in the Oslo agrrement for IDF redeployment in the territories. But, he added, this would have to be agreed upon between Israel and the Palestinians.

Shahal, whose ministry has been involved in preparations for the upcoming negotiations with the Palestinians, said "a map now exists of our security concerns for final status. One cannot hold talks severed from our needs in final status."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has avoided discussing blueprints for final status, insisting the interim agreement with the Palestinians is unrelated to the final disposition of territories.

"I am aware of IDF plans for these negotiations," said Shahal. "On security issues, we are talking about the integration of final status elements that I believe are acceptable to a majority of the nation."

At the same time, Shahal said he believes the IDF can redeploy without bowing to Palestinian demands that settlements be uprooted during the interim period. "Right now, I rule out moving settlements" into blocs, he added.

"Redeployment will be comprehensive, but there will be easy parts and hard parts," he said.

At yesterday's cabinet meeting, OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy reportedly said there are clear signs of Lebanonization in the Gaza Strip, manifested through the formation of armed militias, already or potentially fighting each other.

"Lebanonization" means an absence of effective central authority, political fragmentation caused by divisiveness and a lack of legitimacy, a proliferation of armed militias, and the consequential and inevitable failure to regulate economic life. All these, said Saguy, are present in Gaza.

Saguy was speaking at the first of two special cabinet sessions devoted to the security components and security implications of the implementation of the next phase of the Oslo agreement, Palestinian elections, and IDF redeployment. A second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak; Coordinator of Activities in the Territories Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothschild; Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror, head of the Intelligence Branch's Research Department; and senior General Security Service officials also briefed the cabinet.

IDF sources quoted Saguy as saying that so far Yasser Arafat has failed to successfully assert his authority, combat internal opposition or ensure security throughout the autonomous Gaza Strip.

Rothschild said that Judea/Samaria is a more politically complex place than Gaza, and that given his current track record, Arafat will find it difficult to establish authority there.

Amidror said Arafat has shown no signs of seriously fighting Hamas, but that he is irreplaceable as far as Israel is concerned.

The speakers, according to sources, essentially warned the cabinet that the IDF could not provide adequate security to settlements and Israelis traveling on the roads if redeployment is implemented while all settlements remain in place.

One source said the speakers did not offer alternative plans "which are patently political, but made it abundantly clear that leaving the settlements as they are and redeployment are incompatible."

He added that relocating small and isolated settlements into larger concentrations "was discussed, but no decisions were made."

The cabinet also discussed the problem of re-entering areas and installations if the IDF were to redeploy only for the period in which the Palestinian elections are held.

In light of the Palestinian Authority's evident political weakness, there have been ideas floated in decision-making circles concerning the link between the elections and the redeployment, or pre-redeployment as Rabin stresses.

One idea is to unlink the elections and redeployment, and hold the elections while the IDF is present. The PA has rejected the idea, although it includes the sweetener of a partial extension of the autonomy into areas in Judea and Samaria.

Rabin: Media leaks caused breakdown of Syria contacts

News agencies

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday blamed the Israeli media for leaks which led to a breakdown in recent contacts with senior Syrian officials.

Rabin, speaking at the weekly cabinet meeting, was apparently referring to recent meetings in Washington between Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich and his Syrian counterpart, Walid Mualem, in which senior IDF officers also took part.

Reports last week said the meetings were to have resumed after US Secretary of State Warren Christopher's visit.

During the meetings, the two sides reportedly discussed security arrangements on the Golan Heights in a future settlement.

The cabinet meeting was mainly dedicated to a discussion of the security situation.

In a closed meeting with members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish organizations last week, Chief of General Staff-designate Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak said it would not be wise to station American soldiers on the Golan Heights. Instead, he said, there are other ways to ensure security there.

The IDF Spokesman confirmed that Shahak had held a closed meeting with the Presidents' Conference, but that the statements attributed to him were not exact.

In Damascus, Syrian President Hafez Assad said that Syria had not lost hope for accord with Israel.

"Syria wants peace. The road to this peace is not constructed but despite that Syria has not lost hope," Assad's spokesman quoted him as telling a US delegation.

Spokesman Joubran Kourieh said Assad told a delegation from the Washington Institute for the Near East that peace could not be achieved if it is not just and comprehensive.

"Peace could not be achieved on the ground if it was not just and comprehensive, even if all documents were signed," Kourieh quoted Assad as saying.

Diplomats said Assad's remarks are an encouraging sign for Christopher, who will hold talks with him and with Israeli leaders during a tour of the region next week aimed at breaking a deadlock in the peace negotiations.

Meanwhile, a Syrian newspaper again accused Israel of trying to kill any chance of peace.

The government-run daily *Al-Thawra* said that "Israel is still clinging to its path of placing obstacles before peace."

It said Christopher's trip, to be successful, "should bring something new that may reveal Israel's acceptance of the principle of full withdrawal."

The English-language *Syria Times* said the US is the only party capable of persuading the Israelis that hopes of holding on to parts of Arab territories are "illusions."

Another government daily, *Tishrin*, lashed out at Israeli officials for "their continuous attempts to wreck all chances to realize a comprehensive settlement in the region."

Algeria denies its FM is to meet Peres

BUDAPEST (Reuter) – Algeria denied yesterday that its Foreign Minister Mohamed Salah Dembri would meet Shimon Peres for the first time today.

The official Algerian news agency APS quoted the Algerian Foreign Ministry as saying reports that such a meeting would take place in Budapest today were baseless.

Earlier, Peres's spokeswoman Behira Bardugo said Dembri would join a meeting of foreign ministers from Israel and Egypt, and possibly Morocco and Tunisia, on the fringes of a European security summit in the Hungarian capital.

Contacted after the APS report was released, Bardugo said that Algeria had not told Israel that it would not attend the meeting, which would discuss a possible Middle Eastern security structure modeled on the 53-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

However, she noted that Algeria did not normally keep Israel informed of its plans.

The CSCE invited Israel, Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco to attend the two-day summit as observers. But Bardugo said the intention had been that the five would also have their own separate talks.

Peres had hoped to meet US Secretary of State Warren Christopher on the margins of the CSCE summit. US officials said a meeting was unlikely in Budapest but said Christopher would fly to Damascus and Jerusalem after the summit.

Meanwhile, the Israeli Foreign Ministry confirmed yesterday that Egypt wants to reduce the *peacekeeping force in the Sinai* Desert, with one source saying Cairo sought to eliminate the multinational observers entirely.

Egypt, trying to cut its third of the annual $50 million cost of the Multinational Force of Observers, is again pushing for a reduction in the 2,400 troops.

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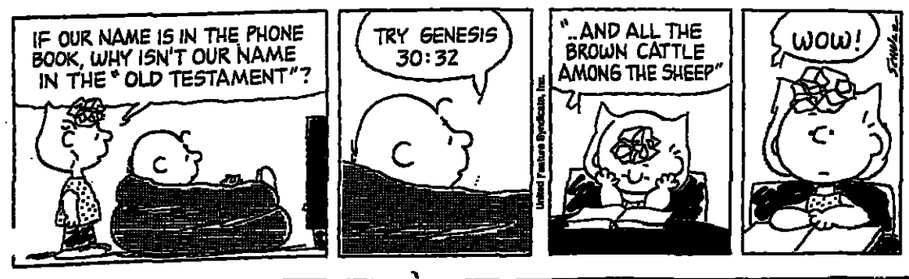
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IDF foils attack at Erez checkpoint

ALON PINKAS and Itim

SOLDIERS foiled a suicide attack at the Erez checkpoint yesterday morning, when they challenged a man who approached them wearing a backpack that turned out to contain a homemade bomb.

The incident occurred at about 7:45 a.m., when two reservists patrolling the area between the IDF and Palestinian Police checkpoints noticed a man, behaving suspiciously, walking rapidly toward them.

One of the soldiers ordered the man to halt, but he continued approaching and increased his speed. At the same time, he reached under his coat.

When the man was several meters from the soldier, he shouted "Allahu akhbar," and his backpack exploded. As the soldier retreated the terrorist followed him, falling on him in an attempt to try to grab hold of him, apparently so that a second bomb he was carrying would kill the two of them.

At this point, the second soldier started firing at the terrorist's legs, but missed. The first soldier, however, managed to overpower the terrorist, and the second soldier joined him.

A sapper called to the scene determined that only part of the bomb, which was made of tin cans and nails with a small amount of explosives, had gone off.

The terrorist was later identified as Mahmud Hamed Shariff, 26, of the Shiekh Radwan neighborhood of Gaza City. He had no prior security-related convictions and was not on the IDF's wanted list.

He was also holding a valid magnetic identification card, but had no permit to enter Israel.

Shariff's family is known as Hamas supporters, and two of the family leaders were among those deported to Lebanon last year. A brother has long been on the IDF wanted list.

Palestinian sources said that Shariff had recently become involved with Islamic Jihad, and that Ismael Hisham Hamad, the suicide bicyclist who killed three IDF officers at the Netzarim outpost last month, was one of his best friends.

In a letter he left behind when he went to the mosque to pray yesterday morning, he wrote: "I want to avenge the blood of the holy Palestinian martyrs, and am going to kill infidel soldiers."

He asked his mother and brothers for forgiveness and added: "I am going to join Imad Akel [a Hamas activist who killed at least nine soldiers and four Palestinians before being killed by the IDF], Hani Abed [the Islamic Jihad activist killed by a car bomb on November 2], and my friend Hisham Hamad in paradise."

Eli Dayan seeks to patch up Rabin-Labor MK relations

SARAH HONIG

LABOR Knesset faction head Eli Dayan plans to arrange a meeting between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Labor MKs in an attempt to improve relations in the party.

The Labor Party, Dayan said yesterday, "has inexplicably sunk into the depths of depression and seems to have lost its way, its confidence and almost its will to live."

Dayan was reacting to complaints among Labor higher-ups on the way they are treated by the prime minister, and their sense that the failure of key policies will lead to Labor's downfall.

"Much of this sense of doom is exaggerated and unwarranted," Dayan said. "Our party is a master at magnifying shortcomings and malfunctions. If we do not rise up from this sense of despair, and do not disconnect ourselves from this self-destruction mechanism, then we are indeed doomed."

Dayan added that "there are real problems in the functioning of this government and not just cosmetic troubles."

For example, he said, ministers don't feel they can make independent decisions. He also mentioned the problem of Rabin holding so many portfolios. "It's high time that Rabin appoints an interior minister," he said.

MK Yael Dayan agreed with Eli Dayan. "The root cause of it all is Rabin's personality, and, given his age and nature, I doubt he will change. He is just not warm enough," she said, adding, "He lacks elementary sensitivity and the ability to listen to the electorate."

MK Elie Goldschmidt said he plans to invite all fellow Labor MKs and their spouses for a recreational weekend at his kibbutz, Degania Bet.

"The source of the troubles in Labor is the fact that the Labor politicians just don't like each other," Goldschmidt said. "They are not good friends. Perhaps they need to spend time together and become socially at ease with each other in order to form a more cohesive group."

However, Labor MK Ra'anan Cohen is more pessimistic. "Labor is on the verge of falling from power," he said. "The rivalry and the bickering at the top are of such magnitude that if it is not ended immediately, the public will just throw us all out."

Angry kibbutz leader warns Rabin not to count on blind support from UKM

SARAH HONIG

A UNITED Kibbutz Movement leader, angry over an attack last week by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin against one of the UKM's parliamentary representatives, warned yesterday that "if pushed into a corner, we will do only what is good for the movement, not the party."

In his appearance before the Labor central committee Thursday evening, Rabin urged the "kibbutz movement representatives (i.e. Haggai Merom) to shut their mouths and examine their own affairs. If they don't shut their mouths, I will make sure they are not again sent to the Knesset to represent the movement." Merom incurred Rabin's wrath by criticizing Shimon Sheves, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

UKM political committee chairman Yigal Tzahor warned yesterday that "the UKM will not allow itself to become the prime minister's punching bag. We will not passively agree to suffer blow after blow from him and not react. We are the most loyal sector in Labor, but it cannot be that we will be remembered only when our efforts are needed during an elections campaign."

Tzahor reported that less than 40 percent of the dues-paying party members in non-kibbutz localities renewed their membership in the year which followed the last membership drive, "whereas in the kibbutz movement 90 percent have elected to remain party members." The UKM's secretary-General, Arik Reichman, reminded Rabin yesterday that "Merom was legally and properly elected in primaries, and no individual leader or his establishment can dictate to kibbutz members who they may or may not elect."

US Joint Chiefs chairman arriving today

ALON PINKAS

GEN. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staffs, is to arrive today on an official visit. He will be the guest of Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak.

IDF sources said that Shalikashvili will discuss the "security package" that Israel is seeking from the US as compensation for possible territorial compromises in the peace process with Syria. They denied that possible deployment of US troops on the Golan Heights will be on the agenda.

Shalikashvili will be welcomed at an official ceremony at IDF General Staff in Tel Aviv. Immediately following the ceremony, he will meet with Barak and senior IDF officers.

He is also scheduled to visit the Ground Forces Command, the air force, and the navy, as well as some special units, where he will be shown advanced military technologies and systems.

Shalikashvili may also visit the Golan Heights on a "private visit," since the State Department does not allow official US representatives to visit areas under contention.

A visit to Northern Command is on his official agenda, but the IDF would not confirm the Golan visit.



General John Shalikashvili

Israel team in Jordan to look for embassy site

AMMAN (Reuter) – An Israeli team arrived in Jordan yesterday to scout sites for an embassy, as both countries prepare to open missions and exchange ambassadors under a peace treaty.

The five-member team led by Uri Halfon, head of the Foreign Ministry's Embassies Department, visited sites around Amman after arriving over the Jordan River, Jordanian officials said.

The two sides will meet today at the Jordanian Foreign Ministry to complete plans for ceremonies at the opening of embassies and hoisting of flags in Amman and Tel Aviv on Sunday, a day after the December 10 deadline set by the treaty signed on October 26. That date falls on Shabbat.

The two countries will open temporary embassies in hotels while seeking premises and houses for their missions, officials said. A similar Jordanian team went to Israel on Thursday.

King Hussein chose Marwan Muasher, 38, Jordan's former Middle East peace team spokesman and an affluent US-educated computer entrepreneur, as Jordan's first envoy. Israel has yet to name an ambassador to Jordan.

Sarah Honig adds:

An official visit to Jordan by opposition leader Binyamin Netanyahu was called off due to heavy snowfall. The visit will be rescheduled soon.

Netanyahu was to have set out for Jordan with his wife Sarah this morning for a two-day visit, during which he was to have conferred with King Hussein in his Amman palace as well as meet again with Crown Prince Hassan, with whom Netanyahu has had long conversations in the past.

Rival Lebanese leaders open talks with Syria

DAMASCUS (Reuter) – Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and parliament speaker Nabih Berri opened talks with Syrian Vice President Abdel-Halim Khaddam yesterday on how to defuse a political crisis after Hariri's resignation.

Diplomats said Khaddam met Berri first, and then they were joined by Hariri. No details were available of the meeting, which was not reported by Syria's state-run media.

The diplomats said Syria was unhappy about Lebanese leaders keeping Damascus busy solving their problems.

The diplomats said it was unlikely that President Hafez Assad would meet the Lebanese leaders yesterday.

Hariri says he is resigning because his ambitious plans to rebuild Lebanon following its 1975-90 civil war were being obstructed.

Berri, a civil war chieftain, is said to be the prime minister's main opponent, with supporters in the cabinet who openly criticize Hariri.

Both Hariri and Berri have close links with Syria, the main foreign power broker in Lebanon where it has some 35,000 troops.

Libyan held in France over French airliner bombing

PARIS (Reuter) – A Libyan national is being held in France in a probe into the 1989 mid-air bombing of a French DC-10 airliner in which 171 people died, an Interior Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

He said Ali Omar Mansour was detained on Thursday in Paris and would be handed over today to anti-terrorist investigating magistrate Jean-Louis Bruguiere for questioning.

The Libyan news agency JANA, monitored in Cairo, said France had "recently detained... Ali Omar Mansour arbitrarily and under mysterious circumstances" during a visit to France for medical treatment.

JANA said France detained Mansour on the basis of information it received from Libyan dissidents who it said worked as spies for foreign governments.

"French authorities depended on lies from some Libyan spies who had escaped to Britain and America," it said.

"By acting in such an arbitrary and unacceptable way, the French authorities have harmed an innocent citizen on French land for treatment," it added.

The agency accused France of violating human rights by refusing to allow Mansour consular visits from Libyan diplomats.

Bruguiere issued arrest warrants three years ago against four Libyans, including the brother-in-law of Libyan leader Muammar Gadaffi, in connection with the bombing of UTA flight 772 which exploded over Niger and crashed in the Sahara desert.

Knesset to debate Yi'ud bill in marathon session tonight

DAN IZENBERG

THE Knesset today is due to vote in final reading on a government bill allowing the Yi'ud faction to join the government.

Opposition MKs have submitted dozens of proposed changes to the bill, thus assuring that the debate will last many hours.

The opposition is also considering declaring the vote on the bill a vote of no-confidence. That would postpone the decision by a week, since all no-confidence votes are held the following week after they are submitted.

There are also reports that a group of professors from various universities plans to petition the High Court of Justice once the law is passed.

Tsomet faction spokesman Naftali Yaniv said yesterday the government is so determined to pass the bill that the Knesset will rereconvene tonight following a prolonged recess in the proceedings during which the MKs will celebrate the inauguration of an auditorium in the new section of the building.

Schiff clears Mordechai of brutality charges

ALON PINKAS

JUDGE Advocate General Brig.-Gen. Ilan Schiff yesterday exonerted Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai and Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Orr of allegations they issued orders to beat Palestinians while serving in Central Command.

The allegations were raised during the Givati-2 trial four years ago.

During the trial, in which Givati officers were charged and convicted of excessive violence towards Palestinians, allegations were made that then-O/C Central Command Maj.-Gen. Mordechai and the area commander, Brig.-Gen Orr, issued patently illegal orders to beat Palestinians even when soldiers were not endangered.

It took Schiff four years and Mordechai's pending retirement to finally say that no proof was found that such orders had been given.

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the jack of spades, nine of hearts, seven of diamonds, and queen of clubs.

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Greens: Cancel petrochemical firms' special status

CALLS to repeal the extra-territorial status of several petrochemical concerns, mainly in the Haifa area, have been voiced by several environmentalists, led by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel. The Knesset Finance Committee is scheduled to discuss a motion on the subject this week.

The discussion follows the discovery last week of a fire at a 95,000 ton fuel tank belonging to the Eilat-Ashkelon Pipeline Company, and a leak in a pipeline transporting fuel under a Haifa neighborhood for the Israel Oil Refineries plant.

Both companies have extra-territorial status, making them basically autonomous. They are not obliged by national or local laws controlling the handling, storage, and transportation of hazardous materials.

"The extra-territorial status is a remnant from the British Mandate, and it's time to realize the British have left the country," said SPNI spokeswoman Orit Nevo.

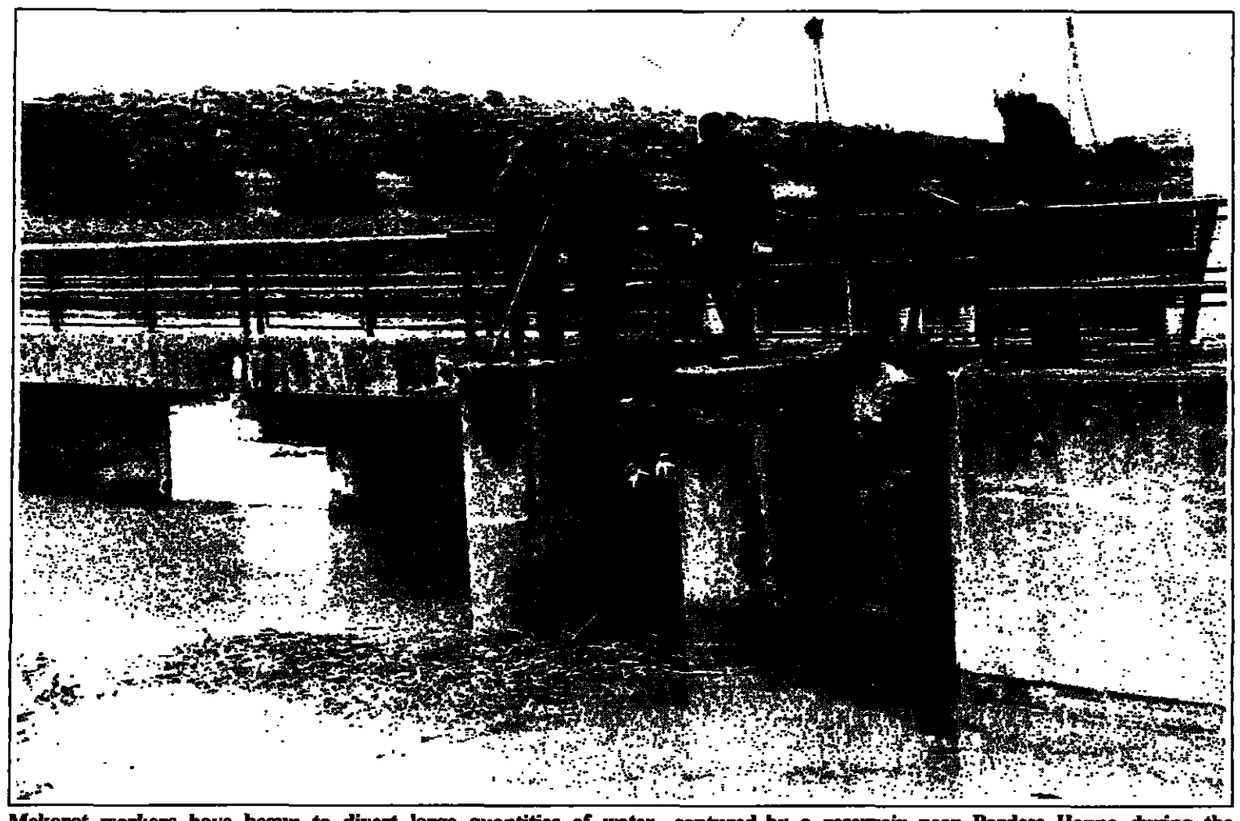
"This status allows companies like the Dead Sea Works, the Oil Refineries, Gadot, and other petrochemical companies to operate as they please. Their exemption from environmental and other laws has led to the abnormal and dangerous situation in which these companies pose a pollution and safety threat. Some, like the Haifa companies, are not bound by any kind of environmental supervision at all, even though they are situated close to densely populated areas."

LIAT COLLINS

"We have been warning for years that Haifa is sitting on a powder keg, due to years of neglect and unsuitable treatment," said Bilha Givon, director of SPNI's environment protection unit. "We are witnessing irreversible damage caused by these factories over decades. Today, the subject is being raised again, as happens from time to time, whenever incidents happen, but so far nothing has been done to solve the basic problem. SPNI is calling for a commission to be immediately appointed to work towards solving the entire complex problem facing the Haifa Bay area."

The Energy Ministry has appointed an external investigative committee to examine the Haifa pipeline incident, first discovered when Neveh Sha'anan neighborhood schoolchildren complained of headaches, vomiting, and fainting because of fumes.

The ministry is also investigating the the Ashkelon fire, caused by lightning. Both companies are cooperating with the inquiries.



Mekorot workers have begun to divert large quantities of water, captured by a reservoir near Pardess Hanna during the recent rains, to the Coastal Aquifer. (Jacob Katz)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Triplets for woman after 22 years' infertility

A 46-year-old Hadera woman has given birth to triplets after 22 years of infertility. The three boys, ranging in weight from 1 kilo to 1.6 kilos, are doing well and being treated in incubators at Hillel Yaffe Hospital.

Rahel and Remo Benisti underwent various fertility treatments since their marriage, but with no success. The couple, a medical secretary and a renovations contractor, almost gave up. But *in-vitro* fertilization finally worked, and the babies were born by cesaerean section on Wednesday.

Ministry cracks down on cabbies

The Transport Ministry last week gave out dozens of tickets to Tel Aviv taxi drivers who refused to take passengers where they wanted to go. In a special campaign, ministry inspectors boarded cabs for trial trips and identified themselves only after drivers refused to take them on short runs. The ministry plans to conduct similar campaigns in other locations.

Israel, Greece sign defense cooperation pact

Israel and Greece yesterday signed a defense cooperation agreement covering information exchanges, mutual visits, and a general framework for arms sales.

Prime Minister and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin and visiting Greek Defense Minister Gerassmos D. Arsenis signed the accord in Jerusalem yesterday, at the end of Arsenis's visit here, the first by a Greek defense minister.

NRP gathering to discuss threat of High Court

NRP Knesset faction head Yigal Bibi said yesterday he would organize a gathering of legal experts, rabbis and educators to discuss ways to deal with High Court ruling which aim to erode the status quo on religious affairs.

The conference was suggested by Dr. Yosef Burg, head of the National Religious Movement's world center. Burg said he had received requests for action from the Diaspora following the ruling by the High Court that a homosexual couple was entitled to benefits given to a married couple. *Itim*

Fighting traps Sarajevo's Jews

The Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department is no longer organizing the extrication of Jews from Sarajevo because of the renewed fighting there, department head Uri Gordon said yesterday.

He noted there are still some 600 Jews in Sarajevo, but only 40 want to leave the Bosnian capital. *Itim*

Right to protest at Nobel Peace Prize award

A group of right-wing activists is to travel to Oslo to protest outside the Academy of Sciences when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO leader Yasser Arafat are inside receiving the Nobel Peace Prize. The group is being organized by Rabbi Boaz She'ar-Yashuv, of the Victims of Terror organization. *Itim*

High Court takes up issue of tombstones in military cemeteries

THE High Court of Justice yesterday heard for a second time a petition by the family of Eran Wachselbaum, who was killed in the Tze'elim-2 accident. The family wants to inscribe "Brother of Jackie, Limor, and Adi" on his tombstone.

They petitioned the court after their request was rejected by the Association of Bereaved Parents and the Defense Ministry.

The petition was rejected by a 2-1 decision, and yesterday the case was reheard by a five-justice bench.

Nili Arad, of the State Attorney's Office, told the court that Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin agreed with the position of the parents' association that tombstones at military cemeteries should be uniform, and that all personalized additions are to be forbidden.

Their main consideration, she said, is to preserve the principle of equality among fallen soldiers buried in the country's military cemeteries.

Arad said the wishes of the association, which represents most of the public, should be respected.

Attorney Ya'acov Ne'eman, representing the Wachselbaum family, said Rabin had not considered human dignity when making his decision. He noted that Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair had decided that families should be allowed to add a line or two on tombstones, as is acceptable in most military cemeteries throughout the world.

Moreover, argued Ne'eman, some 25 percent of the tombstones in military cemeteries are not uniform, since families have added various additions to them.

Ne'eman said the family was only asking to add one line to the tombstone, and that it sought to reach a compromise with the parents' association.

The family then agreed to a suggestion that the extra line be engraved somewhere other than on the headstone.

The justices said this would change the nature of the petition, on which they would rule later. (Itim)

Survey shows Givatayim TV transmitter is completely safe

JUDY SIEGEL

THE amount of electromagnetic radiation produced by the existing TV transmitter in Givatayim is less than 1/60th of that permitted, the Communications Ministry said yesterday.

These figures were provided by Rafael, the Israel Armaments Development Authority, which conducted a test of the site at Givat Kosolovsky, where an additional transmitter is to be installed.

Residents of the area had claimed that the transmitters were endangering their health. The tests were supervised by the Environment Ministry to ensure objectivity and reliability, the Communications Ministry said.

Similar monitoring is being carried out on Mount Canaan in the Safed area, where a transmitter similar to the one due to be installed at the Givatayim site is located. Bezek and the ministries will soon study all the results to decide on their future steps. The Communications Ministry promised yesterday that it would follow only the strictest standards for transmitters.

A spokesman charged unnamed public figures with making baseless statements and causing panic among residents. The new transmitter to be installed in Givatayim will greatly improve TV reception in the center and Sharon regions, the spokesman added.

Alexandra Brandet still missing despite response to photokit pictures

RAINE MARCUS

ALTHOUGH police received some 200 phone calls in response to the release of photokit pictures of the men suspected of abducting of 10-year-old Alexandra Brandet, who disappeared 10 days ago, they are still no nearer to tracing her.

"Sasha" was last seen at about 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 24, in the Gan Hayeled park near her school in Ramat Gan. She failed to return home and was reported missing by her mother.

Police then began a massive search, conducting a door-to-door survey throughout Ramat Gan and surrounding areas.

The mother and her estranged husband were questioned at length and underwent lie detector tests.

Known sex offenders were detained and placed under surveillance.

A photokit picture, based on the description given by two schoolchildren of a moustached man they said they saw talking to Alexandra, was issued last week.

A few days later, police issued two new photokit pictures of two young men a woman saw talking in Russian to Alexandra. Several men fitting the pictures were detained, but later released.

Police have checked all borders, and have been in touch with their Russian counterparts. Detectives are concentrating on intelligence information, but as of last night there was still no sign of Sasha.

SPNI: Jericho quarrying work is threatening Wadi Kelt palaces

LIAT COLLINS

THE Hasmonean palaces at the end of Wadi Kelt are in danger of collapse, according to members of the Society for the Protection of Nature at Israel's field school in Ofra.

The SPNI team said illegal quarrying on the eastern side of the wadi, which falls in the limit of the Jericho autonomous area, has caused a huge 150-meter-wide hole not far from the antiquities, and the current heavy rains threaten to undermine the whole palace network and wash down the tons of extracted soil and debris.

According to the Oslo Accord, quarrying and mining in the autonomous area must be carried out only in liaison with the Civil Administration's planning and licensing department.

"If the quarrying doesn't stop and the site is not renovated, there is a real threat to the Hasmonean palaces, one of the most impressive historical sites still existing from this period," said Avitar Cohen, the field school director. "It's sad that this should happen *davke* (specifically) at Hanukka, and nobody is doing anything to save the site while it's still possible.

"The illegal quarrying looks set to become a permanent problem in the autonomous areas. We have also learned of another illegal quarry, which has started operating near the Hisham palace close to the Jordan Valley road, also without a permit," Cohen added.

Illegal quarrying has been a growing problem on both sides of the Green Line as well as the autonomous areas, according to Environment Ministry officials.

Murdered man's battered body found in Ben Shemen forest

A PARDESS Katz man was found battered to death at the entrance to the Ben Shemen forest yesterday morning.

Jewish National Fund employees found the body of Uri Levy, 30, near his car in the parking lot at the entrance to the forest when they arrived for work at around 8 a.m.

A pathologist estimated that Levy had been killed early yesterday morning. is skull had been crushed, and his features were unrecognizable.

At first, police thought he had been shot, but the pathologist determined he had been beaten with a blunt instrument. The murder weapon was not found.

RAINE MARCUS

His personal documents were found on him, as were his money and jewelry.

Levy, who was single, taught at schools in Bnei Brak and Jerusalem. He had no criminal record, and police are examining the possibility the motive was romantic.

Nationalistic motives were ruled out.

Combined desert tours of Israel, Jordan planned

HAIM SHAPIRO

COMBINED desert tours of Israel and Jordan can be expected in the near future, according to an Israeli tour operator who has been in contact with both Jordanian tour operators and foreign operators specializing in travel to Arab countries.

Ziv Spector, director of Desert Shade, which is located in Mitzpe Rimon, said he has been in telephone contact with Jordanian agents and he met foreign agents during the recent World Travel Market in London. Spector said he expects to make further contact with the Jordanians during an Israel-Jordan travel conference set for Tiberias next week.

In a letter from London, a representative of Dragoman Tours expressed great excitement at including the company in its programs, now that the border is open. Until now, Dragoman has had tours which passed through Turkey, Syria, and Jordan, and then went by ferry from Akaba to Nueiba.

"I don't think that we have to worry about competition from Jordan. On the contrary, the open border presents greater opportunities," Spector said.

Knesset to consider non-kosher meat bill

A bill which would prevent the import of all non-kosher meat will be brought before the Knesset today for a preliminary reading.

Labor Knesset faction head Eli Dayan, and Moshe Katzav prepared the bill after learning that the Industry and Trade Ministry would allow the import of non-frozen non-kosher meat beginning next month. (Itim)

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Mr. Kristiansen resigned from the Nobel Prize Selection Committee, to protest the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to **YASSER ARAFAT.**

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★ **Thursday, December 8, at 12 noon,**
Mr. Kristiansen will hold a press conference at
Beit Agron Hillel St. 37.
Accredited Journalists are welcome.

★ **Saturday night, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.,**
As Yasser Arafat receives his Nobel Prize in Oslo, Mr. Kristiansen will receive an award and give a public lecture at
Ramada Renaissance Hotel, where a reception will be held in his honor.

All are welcome to attend.

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Gunman runs amok, kills three

STOCKHOLM (Reuter) – Swedish police launched a manhunt for a young Latin American man yesterday after a gunman ran amok at an upmarket Stockholm nightclub, killing three people and injuring 15 others.

Police raided several apartments around Stockholm after the 5 a.m. attack at the entrance to the club but found them empty.

"We think we know who did it," Detective Superintendent Walter Kego told a news conference.

One young woman was critically ill in hospital after being shot twice in the head. Several others underwent surgery to remove bullets but their conditions were not said to be life-threatening.

Some 28 people were taken to hospital. Fifteen of them were suffering from gunshot wounds, 13 from shock, police said.

Eli, 29, a former IDF soldier on holiday in Sweden, said he was standing about two metres from the gunman.

"I ran as soon as I heard shots. I recognized the sound because I have experience of it, but most people stood still without taking cover when he fired a second salvo."

"I saw several people fall down on the street on top of each other in a pile. Then he ran, and I ran – in opposite directions," he added.

Of the dead, two were men, killed at the nightclub and restaurant complex, popular among the young, fashionable set, in Stockholm's wealthy Ostermalm area.

The third victim, a young woman shot in the head, was dead on arrival at hospital.

Witnesses described the doorway and steps of the club as littered with injured and shocked people after the shooting.



A wounded person is taken care of outside the Sture Compagniet nightclub in Stockholm where gunmen opened fire killing three people and wounding 15. (AP)

They said three men tried to get into the Sture Compagniet nightclub in central Stockholm, but were refused entry.

A brief scuffle broke out and police were called, but the men disappeared. An eyewitness said he heard the men cursing guards at the club, threatening revenge.

"Some people were for some reason not allowed in by the guards earlier in the evening and there was a scuffle. They came back later," Kego told the news conference.

Stockholm detective Leif Jennekvist said a warrant had been issued for the arrest of one man.

He said the man was of Latin American origin, but did not comment on the other two. He also declined to name the suspect.

Guests and doormen earlier described how they had seen a man shooting around a grand flight of steps at the club entrance.

Billy Linder, aged 30, said he was standing outside the club at around five o'clock as the nightspot closed.

"The guy shot straight into the lobby. He was just spraying bullets and not saying anything. It lasted for maybe 45 seconds," he said.

Dole wants 'robust bombing' to bring Bosnia Serbs to heel

BUDAPEST (AP) – The leader of the Bosnian Serbs is showing "no inclination" to accept a five-nation plan for bringing peace to Bosnian, a senior Clinton administration official said yesterday.

In Washington, Sen. Bob Dole, the Republican who will lead the Senate next month, yesterday suggested using "robust" bombing of Bosnian Serbs to bring the Serbs to the negotiating table.

US emissary Charles E. Redman went to Sarajevo to discuss the plan with leaders of the Moslem-led Bosnian government, and then met in Pale with Radovan Karadzic, leader of the Bosnian Serbs.

"Karadzic showed no inclination to move," a senior US official said on condition of anonymity. "Nor did we expect him to move."

The Moslems, on the other hand, appeared interested.

Karadzic turned down an earlier version of the plan after it was first approved in July by the United States, Britain, France, Russia and Germany. The proposal, however, was reformulated to try to persuade the Serbs to change their minds.

The principal lures for the Serbs were a chance to negotiate with the Moslems for cross-border political ties to Serbia and an assurance that the planned division was negotiable. Serbs now hold 70 percent of the country; the plan would force them to scale down their holdings to 49 percent.

Dole, whose party will control all of the US Congress when it reconvenes in January, called Bosnia "a disastrous, humiliating affair" and laid out a three-point plan for ending the war.

"I would withdraw what we call the UN protection force. They've sort of become hostages to the Serbs and I don't think they are able to protect even themselves let alone the poor Moslems in Bihac and other places.

"I would lift the arms embargo and I would start robust bombing..." he said on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley."

"The Serbs are never punished. I mean everybody is in full retreat now, I'm talking about the US, the British, the French, (they're) all trying to accommodate the Serbs. And I assume if we accomodate the Serbs enough they'll say 'Well, we've got peace.' But peace at what price?"

Dole said the UN protective force must be accomplished first "because they are in harm's way. They are making sacrifices and I admire their courage. But let's face it, they're not protecting anyone."

Vote averts China crisis over Taiwan

TAIPEI (Reuter) – The strong showing by Taiwan's ruling Nationalist Party in weekend elections, despite a setback in Taipei, has averted a possible confrontation with China, analysts said yesterday.

More than half of the 10.55 million voters in the poll, seen as the ruling party's biggest ever electoral test, endorsed the Nationalists and their central policy of seeking eventual reunification with Taiwan's giant neighbour.

Despite their important win in mayoral elections in Taipei, the main opposition Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) – which advocates a controversial independence from China – were well beaten overall.

"The results show that those who advocate independence remain a minority. Most people just want the status quo," said John Hsieh, professor of political science at the National Chengchi University.

"The fears over the unexpected crisis which Taiwan independence would lead to have been fully reflected in this governor's race," the mass circulation China Times' said in an editorial.

China views Taiwan as a rebel-held province and has not ruled out the use of force against the island, 220 km off its southeast coast, if it declares independence.

World leaders seeking a more secure Europe

BUDAPEST (AP) – Russian President Boris Yeltsin yesterday said he would use a world security summit to drive home Moscow's opposition to the expansion of the NATO military alliance.

Yeltsin's remarks, on the eve of the 52-nation conference, underscored the difficulties summit leaders will have in agreeing on ways to bolster European security in the post-Cold War era.

The Bosnian conflict, raging not far from Hungarian borders, remains a glaring reminder of the instability of the European continent.

Yeltsin and other leaders representing the United States, Canada, Europe and the former Soviet Union, began gathering yesterday in this elegant Central European capital for two days of talks under the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

President Clinton planned a brief visit today. His secretary of state, Warren Christopher, arrived early for discussions with European counterparts.

"There are very important things to be done here," Christopher told reporters before meeting Hungarian Foreign Minister Laszlo Kovacs.

"The president and others will be working to try to strengthen CSCE in order to be able to deal with future crises like Bosnia in a more effective way," he said. "That should be a measure of this meeting."

But attempts at finding a consensus are likely to be hindered by Russia, which, feeling snubbed by NATO, is anxious for a commanding role in European security affairs.

"Russia is against the expansion of (NATO's) sphere of influence ... to the east," Yeltsin said before leaving Moscow. If that happens, he said, "NATO's frontiers will reach the border of the Russian Federation."

"We have just stopped existing as two blocs," he said. "But they may reemerge in Europe again. This will be no good for European security."

NATO recently ordered aides to set conditions for admitting former Warsaw Pact foes in the years ahead. Angered by the move, Russia backed out of a program for closer political and military cooperation with the allies.

Russia has long sought to make the CSCE – its only major link to other European nations – the premier security organization in Europe.

The United States and other Western nations are willing to give the conference more muscle to prevent regional conflicts and monitor human rights. But they refuse to let it overshadow the US-led NATO.

Hollywood activist Elizabeth Glaser dies of AIDS

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) – Elizabeth Glaser, the Hollywood wife who became a tireless AIDS activist after she and her two children were infected with HIV through a blood transfusion, has died. She was 47.

Glaser, wife of actor Paul Michael Glaser, died at her Santa Monica home of complications from AIDS, said Carol Pearlman, a close friend and associate at the *Pediatric AIDS Foundation*, which Mrs. Glaser co-founded.

Mrs. Glaser electrified the 1992 convention of America's Democratic Party with her account of her confrontation with the virus.

"I am here tonight because my son and I may not survive another four years of leaders who say they care – but do nothing," she said. "A thousand points of light (President Bush's slogan urging volunteerism) just wasn't enough. My house has been dark for too long."

She brought many members of audience to tears speaking of the death of her 7-year-old daughter Ariel from AIDS:

"She taught me to love when all I wanted to do was hate; she taught me to help others when all I wanted to do was help myself."

In 1981, when Mrs. Glaser was nine months pregnant with Ariel, her first child, she began bleeding and was rushed to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, where she was given seven pints of blood. The baby was delivered successfully.

Three weeks later, Mrs. Glaser read a newspaper article telling of the dangers of contracting HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, from blood transfusions. She said her doctor reassured her and she was not tested for the virus.

Four years later, Ariel became seriously ill. Hospital tests found her red blood count low but doctors assured recovery. Four months after that, doctors finally tested the family for human immunodeficiency virus.

Mrs. Glaser tested positive, and she had passed the virus to Ariel through her breast milk. She had also given the virus to her second child, Jake. Her husband was the only family member who remained uninfected.

Jake, 10, has shown no signs that he has developed AIDS, Ms. Pearlman said.

"We had been dealt the worst hand of cards any family could have gotten," Mrs. Glaser told the Los Angeles Times in 1989. "I thought about throwing up my hands and giving up. But we decided to play that hand offensively."

After Ariel died, Mrs. Glaser went to Washington to lobby members of Congress. A friend arranged a White House meeting with President and Mrs Reagan.

Mrs. Glaser concluded that the administration wasn't doing enough, made friends in Congress, and got the budget for pediatric AIDS raised from $3.3 million to $8.8 million.

Mrs. Glaser became a tireless crusader. In 1988, she co-founded the Pediatric AIDS Foundation which raised millions for care of young AIDS victims.

In eight months she raised $2.2 million to finance 40 research grants.

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Six plots for the construction of 6 semi-detached houses, remaining from the above scheme, are offered. The plots will be allocated, on the basis of *payment for the land (91% of the full value of the land) and updated development costs.* Other details are as published, subject to the terms of this notice.
Israel citizens of age 18 and over are eligible to register.
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List A: Disabled persons to whom a plot has not been allocated anywhere in Israel. The following criteria apply:
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List B: Disabled persons who do not own a plot, and who have not been allocated a plot anywhere in Israel. *Persons 75% disabled in the lower limbs, this disability to be attested by currently valid* documentation, issued by the Rehabilitation Branch of the Min. of Defense, and a signed "No. 2" declaration is required.
First priority in the draw and choice of plot will be given to an applicant who has been severely disabled in the IDF. If the plot is not chosen by an applicant who has been severely disabled in the IDF, the plot will be drawn for by the other disabled applicants, chosen in the draw.
Disabled persons whose names are not drawn in the draw will participate in the draw for the remaining applicants.
Registration will open at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 25, 1994, and close at 12 noon the same day.
Registration will be at the offices of Industrial Buildings Ltd., Sherbat Building, Floor 4, 4 Rehov Kaufman, Tel Aviv, Tel. 03-519 0886, 03-519 0687.
The draw will be held among those who have registered, on Tuesday, January 10, 1994, at 12 noon, at the above address.
When registering, you must deposit a bank check for NIS3,000, made out to the Israel Lands Administration; this will be regarded as an advance payment on the cost of the land.
If more than 100 applicants register, the applicants will not be invited to be present at the draw. In such a case, the draw will be carried out by a public committee, headed by a retired judge. A notice to this effect will be posted at the marketing office, at the above address, immediate after the end of registration.

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Registration will open at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 1994, and close at 12 noon the same day.
Registration will be at the marketing office of Lod Ramla Development Co. Ltd., Canion Center, 1 Sderot Hazionut, Lod, Tel. 08-242446.
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Other disabled persons - Ex-IDF disabled persons with 50% permanent disability, and persons with 75% or more permanent disability in the lower limbs; such applicants should submit documentation from the National Insurance Institute, or a signed notice, issued pursuant to the income tax regulations (Determination of Percentage Disability 1979), attesting the disability, or a document, issued by the Min. of Health, attesting at least 78% limitation of mobility, or a document, issued by the Rehabilitation Branch of the Min. of Defense, attesting the disability., Applicants will also sign a declaration, the text of which is that given in Attachment No. 2 of the explanatory sheet.
First priority in the choice of plot, from among the plots allocated to the disabled, will be given to ex-IDF disabled, with permanent disability of more than 100%.
First priority in choice of plot will be given to the disabled.
Registration will take place at the office of Ashdod Development Co. Ltd., Municipality Building, Rehov Haim Mosha Shapiro, Room 204, Sun. - Thur., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tel. 08-542951.
Registration will open at 9 a.m. on December 14, 1994, and close at 12 noon on January 11, 1995.
When registering, you must deposit a bank check for NIS3,000, made out to the Israel Lands Administration; this will be regarded as an advance payment on the cost of the land.
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Block	Part of Parcel	Plots	Approx. Area, sq.m.	Area* for Registration, sq.m.	Development** Costs† NIS	Deposit NIS
1467	9	20	438	197	64,810	15,000
1467	12	63	493	222	74,120	15,000
1467	16, 65	74	511	230	76,403	15,000
1467	33, 35	101	509	229	67,181	15,000
1467	35	102	450	202	65,944	15,000
1467	35	103	444	200	65,429	15,000
1467	35	104	539	242	67,181	15,000
1467	35, 36	109	538	242	67,181	15,000
1467	36	110	444	200	65,944	15,000
1467	36	111	444	200	65,944	15,000
1467	36	112	538	242	67,181	15,000
1467	35	119	444	200	63,792	15,000
1467	34, 38, 40	120	539	242	67,181	15,000
1467	38, 65	128	539	242	67,181	15,000
1465	11, 12	133	536	241	67,181	15,000

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In addition, the successful bidder will pay fees and levies to the local authority, in accordance with the *byelaws, as stated in the tender booklet.*
The Israel Lands Administration reserves the right to accept any bid or to reject all bids, including the highest.
The tender booklet will be available from December 15, 1994, on submission of a receipt from the Post Bank for NIS100 (cash only, including VAT), for a payment into Israel Lands Administration account 0-24180-0, per booklet. The booklets will be available at the Israel Lands Administration, 34 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Jerusalem *(12th floor)*, ☎ 02-254121, during regular working hours.
A bank check or bank guarantee for NIS15,000 should be attached to bids.
Last date for submitting bids: January 12, 1995 (12 noon). A bid not found in the tenders box when it is opened, whatever the reason, cannot be considered.

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Lease offered on 4 plots for owner-occupier construction, Tet Vav Quarter, Ashdod - Invitation to Tender 318/94/Yod Mem

Bids are invited from those interested in signing a 3 year development agreement, after which the party concerned will sign a 49 year lease with an option to extend for another 49 years, for land, the details of *which are:*

Block	Part of Parcel	Plot	Approx. Area, sq.m.	Construction* area sq.m.	Minimum Price† NIS	Development** Costs NIS†	Deposit NIS
2004	16-20	317	506	229	148,622	87,126	15,000
2004	18	322	510	229	148,622	87,470	15,000
2003	17	373	552	248	156,054	94,672	15,000
2003	16	608/Alef	360	180	108,990	61,743	15,000

* Urban Building Plan 127/03/3 shows that on Plots 317, 322, 373, single-family houses may be built. On Plot 608/Alef, a single family house, forming half of a two-family house, may be built.
In addition to the areas noted in the table, a shelter with a max. area of 10 sq.m. + a basement with an area 12% of the net plot area + a car port with a max. area of 20 sq.m. + covered balconies + one wood pergola of processed wood, may be built within the permitted building lines, at the exit from a residential room to the yard, and at the rear of the house only - max. area for registration 15 sq.m., all in accordance with the urban building plan - Appendix Tet.
** In addition to the amount paid for the land, the successful bidder will pay the above development costs directly to Ashdod Municipal Development Co. Ltd. The development costs are linked to the index of road surfacing for October 1994 (published on November 15, 1994).
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A bank check or bank guarantee for NIS15,000 should be attached to bids.
Last date for submitting bids: January 12, 1995 (12 noon). A bid not found in the tenders box when it is opened, whatever the reason, cannot be considered.

ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION Jerusalem District

Lease offered on 2 plots for residential construction (48 housing units) Shechunat Glickson, Kiryat Gat

Bids are invited from those interested in signing a 2 year development agreement, after which the party concerned will sign a 49 year lease with an option to extend for another 49 years, for land, the details of which are:

Tender	Urban Building Plan	Plot	Approx. Area, sq.m.	Construction area sq.m.*	No. of housing units	Deposit NIS
313/94/Yod Mem	124/Bet Mem/9	801	1,201	3,410	32	60,000
314/94/Yod Mem	124/Bet Mem/9	802	920	1,680	16	20,000

* Urban Building Plan 124/Bet Mem/9 shows that on Plot 801, 32 housing units may be built, in 8-storey buildings on pillars, the main area for registration being 2,560 sq.m.., and 850 sq.m. for services. In addition, 200 sq...m. of commercial space may be built; total maximum area for registration 3,410 sq.m. The permitted construction area shown in the table includes all areas for store rooms, central heating rooms, stairwells, etc., but excludes shelters, in accordance with the standard.
* Urban Building Plan 124/Bet Mem/9 shows that on Plot 802, 16 housing units may be built, in 4-storey buildings on pillars, the main area for registration being 1,280 sq.m.., and 400 sq.m. for services; total maximum area for registration 1,680 sq.m.
The permitted construction area shown in the table includes all areas for store rooms, central heating rooms, stairwells, etc., but excludes shelters, in accordance with the standard.
** Bids should be for the land in its present state of development. Payment for all future development will be made directly by the successful bidder, to the party carrying out the development.
In addition, the successful bidder will pay fees and levies to the local authority, in accordance with the byelaws.
The Israel Lands Administration reserves the right to accept any bid or to reject all bids, including the highest.
The tender booklet will be available from December 14, 1994, on submission of a receipt from the Post Bank for NIS100 (cash only, including VAT), for a payment into Israel Lands Administration account 0-24180-0, per booklet. The booklets will be available at the Israel Lands Administration, 34 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Jerusalem (12th floor), ☎ 02-254121, during regular working hours.
A bank check or bank guarantee for the deposit indicated above should be attached to bids.
Last date for submitting bids: January 19, 1995 (12 noon). A bid not found in the tenders box when it is opened, whatever the reason, cannot be considered.

לשכת פרסום ממשלתית

An artist with a bark and a bite

HELEN KAYE

He is the sort of actor you feel "would be safer in a muzzle," said British theater critic Martin Hoyle of Steven Berkoff.

And Hoyle wasn't even referring to Berkoff's *Dog*, in which he plays both a slavering rottweiler and its owner.

It was, rather, a comment on Berkoff's performance of his own adaptation of Edgar Allan Poe's *The Telltale Heart*.

The gothic horror story is one of the three short plays in Berkoff's *One Man* which opens tomorrow at the Kfar Sava municipal auditorium.

The other two, both written and directed by Berkoff, are *The Actor*, a tour de force of rhyming couplets in which he talks about what makes an actor tick, and the aforementioned *Dog*.

The show title epitomizes Berkoff's approach to theater. Theater, he says, really needs nothing more than the actor and what he can communicate to the audience with his voice and his body.

A Berkoff production is always visually and verbally powerful. His texts fuse gutter language and a lyric eroticism into strong verbal images, and his staging is minimalist. The stage is bare more often than not and it's the actors who create the scene, whether it's the battlements of Elsinore, as in his 1979 production of *Hamlet*, a submarine in his antiwar *Sink the Belgrano* (1986), or a ride on a motorbike in his semiautobiographical *East* (1976).

HE BROUGHT *Hamlet* here in the early '80s.

"I had gone to Israel with no great expectations of any high critical demands being made on me," he wrote in *I Am Hamlet*, Berkoff's book about his production. "But on the contrary, the demands were even greater there than elsewhere."

It wasn't his first visit. He came here by himself in 1978 to direct his adaptation of Franz Kafka's *Metamorphosis* at the Haifa Theater. A year later he did his adaptation of Aeschylus's *Agamemnon* there.

Local actors have strikingly different memories of their work with him.

Liora Rivlin, currently playing Lady Macbeth at Habimah, portrayed the Sister in *Metamorphosis*.

She recalls Berkoff's "very strong, magnetic personality. We'd travel [from Tel Aviv] to Haifa for rehearsals and for eight hours I'd forget where I was. I was swept into the force of his personality in a way that had never happened to me before."

She was scared of him at first, Rivlin recalls, "but at the end there was a sort of affection between us."

Another actress, who prefers to remain anonymous, has a different memory.

He was "the most horrible human being I've ever worked with. He was disgusting," recalls the actress, who worked with Berkoff on *The Trial*, another Kafka adaptation, at Habimah in 1985.

Rivka Gur and Ohad Shachar were in the same production.

"He wasn't easy to work with," Shachar says. He played K, *The Trial*'s uncomprehending victim, and admits that there were some people in the cast to whom Berkoff was unpleasant. "But if you understood his style and brought him an idea that fit the way he works, then he'd accept it."

He could be very aggressive, Gur says. But she saw in him "the complete professional who didn't come here to make friends, but to work. He wanted to make use of every minute in the hour during rehearsal, and I loved every one of those minutes.

"Of course, we were curious, but he never said anything about himself, never gave away what was inside his head. There is a very gentle side to him and we saw that often, but we also saw that he had a lot of secrets."

In his book on *Hamlet*, Berkoff notes that when he was 17, he worked briefly as a shop assistant in a Regent Street clothing store. He carried a little notebook and "whenever the manager annoyed me I would go into a corner and scribble furiously and spew out all my hate."

BERKOFF, who is Jewish, was born in 1937 to Polly and Al Berks, formerly Berkovitch. He grew up in the East End of London. Berkoff studied mime with Jacques Le Coq in Paris, and its rigorous disciplines inform his work to this day.



Berkoff's texts fuse gutter language and lyric eroticism into strong verbal images.

Those were the heady '60s, and Berkoff pays tribute to the experimental-theater groups which influenced his work, like The Living Theater and La Mama. Berkoff debuted as an actor in 1965 with Edward Albee's *Zoo Story*. In 1968 he formed his own London Theater Group and premiered *Metamorphosis* with it at the Roundhouse Theater.

He was a yobbo (hooligan) in Stanley Kubrick's 1971 *A Clockwork Orange*, the first in a series of film baddies that helped finance his work. His cold gray eyes stare out of the screen in more than a dozen films, including Eddie Murphy's *Beverly Hills Cop* and *Rambo* with Sylvester Stallone.

Counting his adaptations, Berkoff has written some 10 plays, including *Kvetch*, which won the *Evening Standard* Comedy of the Year award in 1992.

The year before, his pared-down version of Oscar Wilde's *Salome* won rave reviews at the Edinburgh Festival.

In addition to Kfar Sava, Berkoff will perform at Jaffa's Noga Theater on December 7 and 9 and at the Jerusalem Theater on December 10.

Irish tale is touched with magic

FILM REVIEW

ADINA HOFFMAN

INTO THE WEST

★★★★

Directed by Mike Newell. Screenplay by Jim Sheridan, from a story by Michael Pearce. Hebrew title: *El Hama'arav Ha-kasum*. 102 minutes. General audiences.

John Riley ..... Gabriel Byrne
Kathleen ..... Ellen Barkin
Ossie ..... Ciaran Fitzgerald
Tito ..... Ruaidhri Conroy

Mike Newell's *Into the West* isn't original, but it is lovely – a muted child's fantasy about two poor Dublin kids who forge a magical bond with a wild white horse and set off on bareback for the Irish coast, a place beyond time and adult supervision.

Not that the two brothers, Ossie (Ciaran Fitzgerald) and Tito (Ruaidhri Conroy), have much adult supervision to flee from. Their mother is dead and their father, John Riley (Gabriel Byrne), is an alcoholic wreck who doesn't notice his sons' two-month absence from school until the truancy officer tracks him down and threatens him with legal action.

Indeed, Riley hardly seems to notice when the boys befriend a stallion and bring it home to live in their cramped apartment. Neither does he intervene when the police arrive to confiscate the animal. His children howl and the creature kicks frantically before it's dragged away.

Maybe if Riley were played by an actor a touch less handsome than Gabriel Byrne it would take us longer to realize his symbolic relation to this handsome, trapped horse. Maybe if the family weren't members of the first "settled" generation of tinkers, or travelers, the ancient Irish gypsy class, it would be harder to anticipate the boys' recapture of the horse and subsequent journey westward.



The two brothers who embark on an adventure fit for fairy tales are Tito (right) and Ossie, who in their tattered wool coats and shabby hats look like two miniature old men, save their flushed leprechaun cheeks.

And if, just if, Tito and Ossie named their horse after someplace a trifle less mythic than Tir na nOg, the Land of Eternal Youth, we wouldn't predict from the outset the movie's enchanted ending.

As it is, though, the early, urban part of the movie is a fairy tale waiting to take shape. Tir na nOg looks like a unicorn with an ingrown horn; Riley skulks around the tumbledown housing project with the crooked carriage of a deposed king, taken to drink; the boys also do their royal bit as little princes, worthy of Saint Exupéry.

In their tattered wool coats and shabby hats (Tito has a soft felt derby and Ossie wears droopy ear flaps) they look like two miniature old men. Both have almond-shaped eyes and the flushed cheeks of leprechauns, with beautiful, thick brogues to match. Both possess exceptional equestrian capabilities just because they are young and innocent and full of thoughtful questions. The wisdom of youth, etc.

SUCH THEMATIC transparency would be a failing in a movie for grown-ups. Here, in one of the best children's films of the last several years, the same see-through motifs have the power to transpose this rather prosaic boy-and-animal story to the grander realm of fable.

Meanwhile, the sterile preciousness that too often spoils kids' movies is all but absent from the film. Remember, for example, the big party that was homelessness in *Free Willy*? Those kids lived in unlikely bliss on stolen birthday cakes. They got to spend all day, every day, having fun at the skateboard rink.

In *Into the West*, on the other hand, director Newell (of *Four Weddings and a Funeral*) and screenwriter Jim Sheridan (*In the Name of the Father*) don't condescend by protecting a young audience from the sight of real hunger and pain: the brothers look truly miserable, begging for small change in the cold.

And it's precisely because they've suffered so awfully in the city that their trip to the West evolves as a horsey kind of magic-carpet ride whose psychological function children should instinctively understand.

The drab camera work at the beginning of the film helps explain the boys' wanderlust, as we ourselves feel the dank claustrophobia of the Dublin interiors. The wide-open landscapes that follow aren't just pretty and green; they provide a huge emotional release.

A great deal of the film's unassuming charm derives from the pipsqueak actors who play the boys. Neither strains too hard to be adorable; both are, anyway.

Ellen Barkin is the only real weakness in the film, by no real fault of her own. She's far too glamorous to play the earthy tinker woman who soothes John Riley and helps him look for his sons. Even in a film so dependent on archetypal fairy-tale themes, this nurturing, golden-haired, earth-mother figure registers as too much.

Plucky musicians

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

No joking around. One of the contestants in the 12th International Harp Contest in Jerusalem will be playing an instrument once owned by Harpo Marx.

The harp is in the collection of the Rubin Music Academy. Only 12 of the 42 competing musicians will be arriving with their own harps.

One of them is this country's sole contestant, 18-year-old Alexandra Verbitsky. The new immigrant from St. Petersburg is returning from her studies in Houston for the event, which begins next Sunday in the capital.

Whoever wins the contest, which is held once every three years, will go home with a Lyon & Healy concert grand harp.

The contestants – only two of whom are males – hail from 19 countries, including Italy, England, France, the US, Korea, Taiwan, Japan and China. Nine of the competitors come from Russia.

Verbitsky started out on the piano but her parents switched her to the harp when she was 10.

The family moved here in 1991, and although Verbitsky is studying in the US, she plans to return.

"Israel is my home. I come back now on every occasion. When I graduate, I'll come back and live here.

"I dream of winning the competition, but having the experience of participating is also part of my goal," she says. "I feel nervous, but I think it's creative nerves. I want to do my best here."

VERBITSKY MIGHT get some tips from another former resident of St. Petersburg, Julia Sverdlov, who also immigrated three years ago, in time to participate in the 11th harp contest.

Sverdlov, who has played on occasion with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, is preparing for two major events this month.

She will perform with the International Symphony Orchestra under Lorin Maazel in Classical Winter in Jerusalem at the end of December. This Saturday she will appear at the gala opening of the harp competition. The world premiere of Sergiu Natra's Sonata for Four Harps will also feature Tal Glaser, Irena Kessler and Efrat Lavri.

The second part of the gala opening features the previous contest winner, Marie-Pierre Langlamet from France, in recital. She will be joined for one composition by flutist Aurel Nicolet, who is one of the members of the jury.

The magic of the harp, Sverdlov says, has much to do with its ancient heritage.

"You play the music and you feel that you are part of a tradition stretching over thousands of years. And yes, I also think of King David, who played the harp."

It takes nearly a king's ransom to purchase a modern-day harp, which cost around $20,000, according to Sverdlov.

Although the average first-rate violin or cello is much more expensive, Sverdlov says harps don't come any more cheaply.

The International Harp Contest is comprised of four stages, concluding with the three finalists playing two concerti, one by Handel, the other by Ginastera, with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under Mendi Rodan.

The winner receives a concert grand harp. The second prize is $5,000 and the third $3,000. There are also prizes for the best performance of compositions by Ami Maayani and Josef Tal.

The competition proper opens Sunday at the Moriah Hotel in Jerusalem. Tickets for the first and second stages are NIS 15 per session. The first stage concludes on Tuesday and the second stage takes place on Wednesday and Thursday. The semifinal is at the Tel Aviv Museum on December 16 and 17, with the final at the Mann Auditorium on December 19.

UK director Robertson: Lady Macbeth reminds him of Lady Thatcher

HELEN KAYE

In 1981, after nearly 30 years in the profession, British director Toby Robertson went back to Cambridge to get his master's degree. He didn't have to study for it, because the university hands out MAs to those with Cambridge BAs.

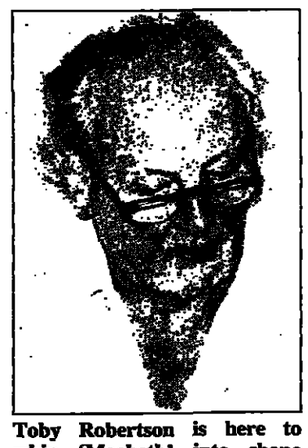
"It cost me £5," he says cheerfully. "I did it for the Americans, because a BA doesn't mean anything to them."

The following year, he went off to the US to direct a play in Boston, and he's gone back often. He's also directed in Spain and was the first foreign director ever to work in Beijing. Now he's back here, whipping Shakespeare's *Macbeth* into shape for its opening tomorrow in Habimartef.

Robertson was first here in April to choose his cast and came back in July, ostensibly to do a workshop. "But I only have the actors from 10 to 2," he said at the time, "so actually it's turned into the start of the production."

The play speaks for itself, he maintains, "and you get to know Macbeth's mind better than any other character in Shakespeare, because he tells you."

Asher Tzarfati is playing the title role with Liora Rivlin as Lady Macbeth. Others in the cast include Yussuf Abu-Varda as Macduff, Haim Hova as Banquo and Ohad Shahar in the small but pivotal role of the Porter.



Toby Robertson is here to whip 'Macbeth' into shape for its opening tomorrow.

If Macbeth combines the best and worst of the soldier turned politician, Robertson describes Lady M as "a woman of less imagination than her husband, but more practical, sort of like Maggie Thatcher, and with no conception of the idea of failure. Then, when things go wrong, she falls apart.

"There's a sense of loss in the play, a loss of integrity and of humanity that people can identify with, and it's frightening. We've all suffered loss in our lives, so we understand it better. It's more difficult to enter into other people's happiness."

Robertson isn't one of those directors who travel to repeat a successful production. He last did *Macbeth* in 1966 in his first year as a director for the Prospect Theatre Company.

"I don't remember anything about it, thank heaven, and that's lucky because we're developing it as we go along."

The Prospect Theatre of London was the leading British touring company of the time, but in 1976, because state funding dried up, Prospect became part of London's Old Vic, "and I went with it," says Robertson.

Grandfather Robertson – his first grandson was born in July – was born in London in 1928 and grew up there.

His father was in the navy during World War II and then became an architect, and his actress mother later wrote plays under the name of Felicity Douglas.

Not that Robertson envisioned a life in the theater. When he got a scholarship to Cambridge it was to study history, "but I changed it to English, because I was doing so much theater and it fascinated me. I was at school with the 'Cambridge Mafia' like John Barton and Peter Hall," long associated with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Robertson worked as an actor at the RSC from 1956 to 1958, the year he directed *Edward II* with Derek Jacobi in the title role. It became a huge hit, moved to the West End, and "I never looked back from there."

In his three-page resumé, seven of the productions are marked with asterisks, which means they were presented at the Edinburgh Festival and represented the UK at international festivals abroad. In fact, it was a production of *Hamlet* he directed in 1979 that got him invited to China to direct *Measure for Measure*.

"The country was still reeling from the effects of the Cultural Revolution. That had ended three years previously, but it was still a very volatile political situation.

"One day at rehearsal, the actors were hesitant in coming forward and I asked why. There were 400 students in the audience and they were furiously taking notes of every gesture, every word of mine. 'Don't copy,' I told them, 'because there's no right or wrong way of doing Shakespeare.' "

Shakespeare and the classics generally accounted for about 65 percent of the more than 100 productions he has directed over the years, including 40 or so he's done for BBC Drama. "If a play has lasted that long," he says decisively, "then there must be something at the core of it that speaks to our own lives."

"Doing Shakespeare, or Chekhov, is like climbing Everest and that's why we want to do them, because it's hard, tough, disciplined and raw. I think I'd be afraid to play a Macbeth or a Lear, because the actor really has to explore the lower depths of his nature."

Robertson's directed opera, too, mostly during the five years he spent in the US from 1982 to 1985. He'd gone to the US after the Old Vic closed for lack of funds, "because I didn't want to hang around like Banquo's ghost.

"I love the discipline of opera, because the music forces you into a very tight framework. That can go for life too. Without discipline, the danger of self-destruction is enormous, but just to live within discipline is confining.

"I think that life is a zigzag between complete license and authoritarianism.

"You have to find the middle ground, but once you find it, you lose a certain tension and then you give up and stop exploring life. I haven't got there yet, thank goodness."

This month is for prizes and awards galore

HELEN KAYE

DECEMBER is prize month for the Histadrut and for ACUM, the Israel Composers and Music Publishers Association.

The top winners are 79-year-old composer Abel Ehrlich, whom ACUM honored with its Life Achievement Award; and from the Histadrut, both actress/comedian Tiki Dayan, who received this year's Rovina Prize, and writer Orli Castel-Bloom, who won the Alterman Prize for literature.

The Histadrut also gave a prize to Uri Barabash for *The Kastner Trial*.

Ehrlich, the composer of close to 1,600 works, is most often remembered for his 1953 violin composition *Bashrav*. Still a prolific writer, his new *My Friend Ephraim* will be performed at the awards concert.

Dayan, who's been at the Cameri since 1973, who wowed audiences for months as the mayor's wife in *The State Comptroller*, is now doing the same in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

Even with five books to her credit, Castel-Bloom still flinches when someone calls her an author. Her books include *Dolly City* (1993) and *Involuntary* (1992). *Nighttime in the Mall*, a play.

Among the composers Haim Peramont won Achievement of the Year for his *Return to the South*. Oded Zehavi and Rahel Galinne each won for compositions submitted anonymously with *Confession* and *We Shall Sing My Songs of Praise* respectively.

Other ACUM winners include authors Yehoshua Knaz and Dan Tsalka, playwrights Hanoch Levine and Poldi Schatzman. Pop musicians and lyricists got their share of prizes too and include Boaz Sharabi, Ehud Manor and Yehudit Ravitz.

There was even a prize for best videoclip which was won by Assaf Amdurski for *My Sweetheart*.

The ACUM ceremony is at the Noga Theater tomorrow and the Histadrut prizegiving is at Beit Liessin.



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The report on the PLO

THE State Department report on PLO compliance with the Declaration of Principles is a masterpiece of diplomatic obfuscation. Required by law to make possible US financial aid to the Palestinian Authority in Gaza and Jericho, it meticulously avoids blaming Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority for whatever is wrong in their domain.

If terrorists are not tried, if the roundups of Hamas and Islamic Jihad gunmen are a farce, invariably ending with the prisoners' prompt release, and if none of the militias – including Arafat's own Fatah – is disarmed as stipulated in the Declaration of Principles, it is not the fault of the PLO leadership but of the Palestinian Police. It is as if the Palestinian Police are a disembodied entity, working for themselves.

As the president of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Steve Grossman put it on Friday, "The Palestinian Police themselves say that when they do not make arrests it is because Chairman Arafat does not want them to make arrests." By putting the blame on Arafat's police rather than on Arafat himself – which is as ludicrous as blaming Syrian intelligence rather than Hafez Assad for Syrian atrocities – the report loses all credibility.

The report compounds this transgression by expressing disappointment that "although the PLO has declared invalid the anachronistic portions of its 'covenant' denying Israel's right to exist, it has not yet convened the Palestinian National Council to formally amend the document..." The fact is, that while Arafat himself has referred to the covenant as "invalid," no PLO institution has ever done so.

The reason for the report's obfuscation is clear. Had it specified PLO violations of the agreement and named the culprits, Congress would have no choice but to vote against giving aid to the PA. But this is not what the State Department wants. Adhering to administration policy, it believes the faster the money can reach the PA the better. If anything, it would like to see the amounts pledged by the US raised. In this, it is in line with Israeli government thinking, which believes it is poverty and unemployment, not religious fanaticism or nationalistic fervor, which breeds terrorism.

That AIPAC, which in the past two years has shown strong dovish leanings, has not endorsed the report may be a reflection of the new mood in Washington, where conservative Republicans now dominate Congress. AIPAC is not, after all, an Israeli lobby. It is an American, pro-Israel Jewish lobby, whose underlying philosophy is that a close US-Israel relationship is beneficial to both countries. But it views policies on the Middle East from a strictly American viewpoint.

And American legislators, like many Jewish organizations, have serious reservations about the efficacy of throwing money at the problem of Palestinian terrorism. They are particularly wary of placing vast sums of money in the hands of an organization as hopelessly corrupt as the PLO.

Yet AIPAC, though "disappointed" with the report, has stopped short of rejecting the State Department's recommendation to send the PLO $500 million because it is "in the national interest." On the contrary, Grossman has specifically said that AIPAC is not opposed to American aid to the PLO.

In contrast, the Zionist Organization of America has not only objected to the report's conclusion but disputed its main contention: that the past six months have "confirmed the PLO's commitment to seek a peaceful negotiated settlement," and that the PLO itself has not engaged in terrorism in this period.

The ZOA's national president Morton Klein has listed 12 major violations of the Oslo agreement. One of these is the PLO obligation to refrain from terrorism. Between June and November, Arafat's wing of the PLO carried out at least 12 terrorist attacks, including the murder of 11 fellow Palestinians accused of "collaboration." The PFLP and the DFLP, also members in the PLO, have claimed responsibility for three additional terrorist attacks.

Arafat has also violated several other commitments: to discipline PLO members who engage in terrorism; to pursue and apprehend terrorists; to extradite terrorists to Israel; to refrain from hiring fugitive terrorists as policemen; to explicitly condemn terrorist attacks; to refrain from hostile propaganda against Israel; to make speeches to Arab audiences urging them to reject anti-Israel violence; to respect human rights in Gaza and Jericho; and to restrict Palestinian Authority agencies to the Gaza and Jericho areas.

And Arafat has broken his pledge not to raise sovereignty issues until the final status negotiations begin in 1996. The PLO continues to use stationary with the imprint "State of Palestine," it refers to Arafat as "President of Palestine," and the map on its emblem shows all of Israel in the PLO state of Palestine. When Farouk Kadoumi spoke at the UN last week, he appeared as "the foreign minister of the State of Palestine." And, of course, there has been no effort on Arafat's part to convene the PNC for the purpose of changing the PLO charter, which calls for the dismantling of Israel.

Only contorted mental acrobatics can reconcile all these violations with the State Department statement that the PLO is "committed to seek a peaceful negotiated settlement."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANTISEMITIC DISTORTION

Sir, – A peace treaty with former enemies is the time to forgive the past, but a people who want to survive must not forget. The erudite Mr. Amayreh presented us with an apology for Palestinian terror against Israeli civilians ("A morality of the moment," October 28), his prolix prose but thinly covering a virulent antisemitism reminiscent of Nazi Germany. Again, Jews are made the scapegoats of violence against themselves.

Mr. Amayreh's statement that "consecutive Israeli governments, Prime Minister Rabin... and the IDF are indirectly responsible, and in no uncertain or extenuating terms, for the Tel Aviv bombing and other acts of violence perpetrated by Palestinians against Israeli civilians" is an obscene antisemitic distortion. Further, Mr. Amayreh's comparison of Palestinian life to the hell of the Holocaust is sick demagoguery. Mr. Amayreh's antisemitic distortions only further inflame the ignorant and have no place in the Israeli press.

JUDY HOLTZER KNOPF

Beersheba.

MUTUAL TOLERANCE

Sir, – In your editorial of November 22, "Rabin's tirade," you called for "some semblance of mutual tolerance" in this period of dramatic historical decisions – something I could completely agree with. However, much to my disappointment the same editorial then goes on to display exactly the opposite approach. I am sure you know that it was not Rabin who inspired president Bush to refuse the loan guarantee to the Shamir government. The intransigence and inflexibility of Shamir were quite enough for that.

At the time of the loan guarantees debate, Rabin – then one of the opposition leaders – adopted the same position which he still holds today, namely that the Knesset is the proper place to oppose the government – and that the opposition parties should not lobby the American Congress in order to attain what they did not achieve in elections. One can differ about the acceptability of lobbying by Israelis abroad. But it is definitely not fair – and not at all fitting with the spirit of mutual tolerance! – to defend the Likud delegation which is at present engaged in doing so, by misquoting the prime minister.

Tel Aviv. *BEATE ZILVERSMIDT*

TRAFFIC JAMS

Sir, – Traffic jams are part of our everyday lives. Mostly, we take the fatalistic view that nothing can be done about them. However, while stuck in a hopeless traffic snarl, I realized that at least a part of the problem is caused by the selfish and inconsiderate road manners of the average Israeli driver.

I was at a large intersection (Ramat Eshkol-Ramallah Road), waiting for a green light. It appeared, not once, but five times, yet our column of cars was unable to take advantage of it because the intersection was blocked each time anew by cars coming from the side. They stood in the intersection, unable to move forward, but not allowing anyone else to proceed.

Two measures are urgently needed to rid us of this unnecessary scourge: a public campaign of advertisements and announcements to educate the public, and the imposition of stiff penalties. After a month of high fines, I guarantee all the intersections will be clear. Israeli drivers are best educated through their pockets.

SHULAMIT AMIR

Jerusalem.

THE DEATH SENTENCE

Sir, – The death sentence may not be a deterrent to those potential terrorists with suicidal tendencies. However, if enforced, it will quite definitely prevent further terrorist activity by the terrorist concerned. Otherwise, there is no certainty that he may not escape or be released or exchanged. He is still committed to killing Jews.

Those so anxious to protect the terrorist might give a thought to his future victims.

Jerusalem. *KENNETH L. COHEN*

JEWISH ATHLETES

Sir, – Joe Hoffman's story of November 11 concerning the defunct Federal League which highlighted the success of two Jewish athletes was quite interesting. As a footnote, it can be added that Ed Reulbach compiled a perfect World Series record as a pitcher for the Chicago Cubs.

In 1906, he won the second game 7-1 against the Chicago White Sox. However, the Cubs lost the series four games to two. The following year, Reulbach defeated the Detroit Tigers 5-1 as his team swept the series. Reulbach was one of the outstanding pitchers of his era.

Ramat Gan. *HASKELL SELIGMAN*

EDUCATION REFORM

Sir, – While we Israelis remain riveted to every bit of news about the visits of foreign dignitaries, a crucial part of "normal life" remains ignored. The quality of our children's school experience is possibly about to undergo great changes, but the public is apathetic.

On October 14 a short article appeared in the *Post* announcing a significant reduction in the number of required *bagrut* (matriculation) exams for high school seniors, with additional reductions being considered for the future. Not a word of commentary from either the paper's staff or readers followed. On November 7 ago, our TV news reported briefly on a proposed radical reform of the dreaded math *bagrut*. I scoured the *Post* in vain for any information about it.

It's a wonder that Minister of Education Amnon Rubenstein, one of the most effective members of the cabinet, isn't totally demoralized. Indeed he deserves all our thanks and congratulations for tackling a fundamental misery and injustice in our education system.

CAROL CLAPSADDLE

Jerusalem.

DEVALUATION

Sir, – Pressure is being put on the Treasury and the Bank of Israel to devalue the shekel because the rate of exchange of the latter has hardly changed for a long time whilst local expenses have shot up, making export unprofitable. However, this is true only in relation to the US dollar, against which the shekel has lost around 2 percent since the beginning of the year, because the dollar itself has dropped in value. Against other currencies the picture is quite different:

Country	Devalued since 1.1.94 by:
Japan	16%
Britain	15%
France	14%
Switzerland	14%
Austria	14%
Germany	13%

There appears to be no justification for a further devaluation.

ALFRED MARKUS

Tel Aviv.



Center for Security Policy study:

US mission impossible

AS part of its search for a "comprehensive" peace, Israel is negotiating an agreement with Syria that is expected to entail Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights and possibly, over time, the complete return of the Heights to Syria.

Relinquishment of this territory is a sensitive military and political issue not just in Israel but also in the US, because Israel expects that compensatory security arrangements will include the deployment of American troops to the Golan as monitors or peacekeepers.

A recent study by the Washington-based Center for Security Policy, entitled *US Forces on the Golan Heights: An Assessment of Benefits and Costs*, excerpts of which follow, divides the benefits into three categories: monitoring, deterrence, and support for a Syrian-Israeli peace.

● Monitoring might focus either on military activity for early-warning and military intelligence purposes, or on the parties' compliance with the peace agreement.

Neither Israel nor Syria would in fact look to US monitors or those of a multinational force to provide early warning of the other side's significant military activities. That kind of military intelligence collection and analysis is an essential national security function.

Although a country might, under certain circumstances, choose to rely to some extent on another country for military intelligence, this is less likely when the second country is doing its monitoring not as an ally, but as an impartial or neutral observer, which would be the status of any US forces deployed on the Golan under an Israeli-Syrian agreement.

> Nothing an American force could do on the Golan would justify the costs and risks

US troops could help perform the function of monitoring the parties' respective compliance with an agreement. This is a realistic function of some value. But it can be effectively performed without the permanent stationing of US troops on the Heights, with all the attendant costs and risks.

If a compliance issue arises and a party wants American personnel to serve as "honest brokers" to mediate the issue or monitor specific treaty conditions, that party could invite those personnel in on a case-by-case basis.

● Deterrence: Some commentators suggest that US forces on the Golan could help deter Syria from violating a peace agreement and attacking Israel militarily in the future.

How might the US forces fulfill this function? Are they to serve as a deterrent on the military level – i.e. the forces themselves would be a military factor in the calculations of a Syrian military commander – or are they to serve simply as a contribution to deterrence on the political level?

There are two ways the forces could function as a military deterrent: either the US deployment would be large enough to serve as an effective military barrier to a future Syrian military offensive; or the US deployment would serve as a "tripwire" to ensure that such a Syrian offensive triggers a large American military intervention to oppose it.

First, no one has suggested that the US deploy a force with the numbers and types of men and equipment that would allow it to serve as a military barrier against Syria's large armored forces. Much of the talk in press and policy circles has been of a (small) deployment, perhaps as few as 800 lightly armed troops.

Second is the "tripwire" idea. Of enormous strategic importance, this is the concept most likely to affect Israeli public opinion regarding the security risks of territorial withdrawals in favor of Syria. The concept deserves the most intense scrutiny, for it represents the greatest danger to US interests.

If US forces on the Golan are intended to be a tripwire, this connotes that Israel would become, like South Korea and the NATO states, an ally dependent to some extent on US armed forces for its security. An attack on Israel by Syria would be treated as an attack on the US, which would be obliged, legally or practically, to enter the war. This would be a radical departure from the traditions of the US-Israeli relationship, and the traditions of US Middle East policy.

A tripwire agreement would create, in essence, a mutual-defense alliance between Israel and the US. But such an alliance cannot be built on a trilateral peacekeeping agreement including Syria. It would require a formal defense treaty between Israel and the US, duly ratified with the approval of the US Senate. It would be reckless for Americans or Israelis to suppose that US forces on the Golan could in fact function as a tripwire in the absence of such a formal treaty commitment.

THE US has an interest in discouraging its Israeli friends from harboring unrealistic expectations. Israel should not count on a peacekeeping force functioning as a mechanism that can be relied upon to engage the US deeply on Israel's behalf in the event of another war with Syria. Were a future Syrian attack to injure or kill US peacekeeping forces on the Golan, the US government might decide to remove the peacekeeping forces altogether rather than reinforce the troops.

Even if US troops on the Golan do not contribute to military deterrence, might they not be justified as a contribution to deterrence at the political level?

In the event that Israel and Syria sign a peace agreement, that Israel withdraws from the Golan under that agreement, and that Syria, at some point in the future, decides to launch an attack on Israel to capitalize on that Israeli withdrawal, Syria would know that its aggression will antagonize the US whether or not US troops are stationed on the Golan. At most, such troops could serve as a marginal factor in Syria's calculations.

The real political deterrent to Syrian aggression is not US troops on the Golan, but the strength of US ties to Israel and the certainty of US support for a swift and effective Israeli response to such aggression. This deterrent requires no US troops on the Golan.

Such troops would be more likely to deter *Israeli* military action, required for the defense of common US and Israeli interests, than Syrian military aggression. The presence of US troops on the Golan would increase the likelihood of US opposition to preemptive military action by Israel, no matter how urgent or well advised.

The standard American tendency to disapprove of military action would be reinforced powerfully by solicitude for the US peacekeepers. Hence, the effect of the US deployment might be the opposite of that intended: It could reduce fear of Israeli preemption among potential Arab aggressors.

By tending to embolden rather than deter those contemplating renewed aggression against Israel, this would tend to undermine any Syrian-Israeli peace agreement, decrease regional stability and increase the risk of war.

● Support for an Israeli-Syrian accord: It is not sensible for the US to make a commitment of indefinite duration to put US troops on the Golan for symbolic purposes, when the necessary symbolism can (and undoubtedly will) be amply supplied by other means. Such a commitment would not be sensible even if the troops were to be stationed in a stable and safe environment.

Given the dangers of terrorism in the region, and the political instabilities and risks of war, it would be very irresponsible to deploy these troops as symbols.

● Conclusion: There is no mission or rationale for a US peacekeeping force on the Golan that would justify the resulting costs and risks. Indeed, the net effect could be negative for Israel's security and regional stability, while the consequences could include the loss of US lives and, possibly, a credibility-damaging retreat of the US forces under terrorist fire.

Such a deployment would increase the danger of direct US involvement in a future Middle East war and undermine Israel's standing with the US public as a self-reliant ally.

A US deployment on the Golan Heights deserves immediate, serious consideration by US policymakers, legislators and the public. If this is delayed until after the US is committed formally as part of an Israeli-Syrian peace agreement, US options will be severely constrained.

> The real deterrents: strong US-Israel ties and the certainty of US support for an Israeli response to Syrian attack

On the other hand, if the subject is debated now and Congress and the executive branch decide to oppose a deployment of US troops on the Golan, Israel and Syria could take this into account in their negotiations and devise alternative security arrangements accordingly.

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Like Luddites

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

THE right-wingers lobbying in Washington against the Rabin government's policy on the future of the Golan are doing something very disturbing.

They might argue that they are doing nothing different from what left-wingers did when right-wing governments held power in Israel. But information activities in the US by Labor and the left were never as extensive or extreme as what Likud members and settlers' representatives are doing today.

In 1991-92, a major dispute erupted between Israel and the US over the conditions under which Washington would provide Israel with $10b. worth of loan guarantees over a five-year period to help finance the absorption of immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Washington was conditioning the granting of guarantees on a halt to settlement activities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

At the height of the dispute, the media reported a press conference by Israel's ambassador to Washington, Zalman Shoval, at which he allegedly said that there was no difference between the Likud and Labor on the settlement issue. The Labor Party reacted by distributing a paper among American Congressmen and administrators clarifying Labor's position and the differences between it and the Likud's stand on settlements.

> The right-wing lobbyists in the US could do this country irreversible damage

Soon after, Labor's secretary-general, MK Micha Harish, received some extremely angry letters from Likud supporters in AIPAC – even though Labor's paper had said nothing about the conditions under which the US should grant Israel the loan guarantees.

ALL LABOR was doing was clarifying its position on the future of the territories and the settlements, feeling that this position had been misrepresented in a manner detrimental to the party. It reacted as the Likud certainly would, were Israel's current ambassador, Itamar Rabinovich, to state publicly that there is no difference between Labor and the Likud on the Golan Heights issue.

One wonders how the Likud would have reacted at the time, had spokemen for Labor and the parties to its left begun actively lobbying congressmen and US administration officials to withhold the loan guarantees from Israel.

The Likud would certainly have called those spokesmen and those who sent them traitors – and rightly so.

But the behavior of Likud representatives and other right-wing parties and groups in the US today merits a similar characterizaiton.

They aren't satisfied with telling US congressmen and officials why they are opposed to an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan – something which would be perfectly legitimate. They are advising them to oppose Israel government policy, which, as part of an eventual settlement with Syria involving Israeli withdrawal, envisages an American observation force stationed on the Heights. What these spokesmen for the right wing are doing in Washington is objectionable enough on the grounds of acceptable conduct. However, it could also prove highly detrimental to Israel's basic interests.

It isn't clear when an agreement will finally be signed between Israel and Syria. But there is no doubt that an agreement eventually will be signed, and that it will involve an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan. This will happen whether or not the US agrees to send an observation force there.

If Washington refuses to send such a force, someone else will – and that someone else may well be less partial than America toward Israel's security concerns.

But Israel's right continues full steam ahead, acting like Britain's Luddites at the beginning of the 19th century, who thought they could stop progress by destroying its machinery.

The difference is that the Luddites essentially harmed no one but themselves, while Israel's right-wing lobbyists in Washington are liable to cause all of us irreversible damage.

● In my article last week I stated, wrongly, that only 10 women had been elected to the 13th Knesset. The number is 11, and I am grateful to MK Naomi Chazan for pointing out the mistake.

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Countdown

The Rage to Kill Those Who Kill

SENTIMENT in favor of capital punishment is sweeping the land. This week five executions are scheduled — three in Texas, one in Missouri and one in Indiana — meaning that if there are no last-minute stays (always a possibility) the nation will pass yet another milestone in the modern era of the death penalty. Since the Supreme Court allowed states to resume executions in 1976, in no calendar week have more than four executions taken place.

With states like New York moving to bring back the death penalty and moves afoot to streamline the judicial process so the condemned can no longer drag out their appeals, it seems an appropriate time to ask, once again: Will all this killing do any good? Will it deter crime? Is it cost effective? Or are we simply talking about retribution here — real Old Testament stuff?

The data presented on Page 2 are intended to provide some talking points for the debate.

Comparing state homicide rates released by the F.B.I. this weekend with state-by-state death penalty numbers certainly doesn't prove the case for deterrence. In states with large numbers of executions, murder rates remain persistently high.

Of course, the data don't necessarily disprove the case either, since a complex web of social, economic and demographic factors drive murder rates.

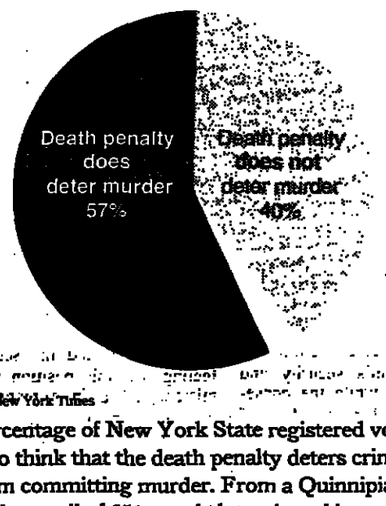
The numbers also provide an intriguing hint that the resurgent faith in executions may be more ambiguous than it seems. In the 18 years since they resumed, 254 have been put to death — a tiny fraction of those convicted of murder and less than a tenth of the 2,948 currently condemned to die.

TOM KUNTZ

Execution and Murder: Looking Hard at America's deadly numbers game.

By Anne Cronin

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Percentage of New York State registered voters who think that the death penalty deters criminals from committing murder. From a Quinnipiac College poll of 651 people interviewed by telephone Sept. 19 through 25. Those with no answer are not shown.



The historic 1928 photograph of Ruth Snyder's execution was taken with a camera strapped to a photographer's leg. The Queens housewife had been convicted of murdering her husband.

Courtesy of The Daily News

Serb vs. Serb vs. Serb

In long-sought unity, seeds of division.

By Roger Cohen

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Perils of Prosperity

The rise of a law firm becomes its fall.

By Jeff Gerth

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Not a Dinner Party

The revolutionaries are marching, and the march is long.

By Adam Clymer

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Do Term Limits Work? Ask Mexico.

By ANTHONY DePALMA

MEXICO CITY

AT the first moment of the first day of his first term in office, the new President of Mexico, Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, became a lame duck, and he was not alone. He accepted the red, white and green presidential sash Thursday in front of the 628-member federal legislature, 31 state governors and a number of Mexico's 2,392 mayors, all of them freshmen who cannot run for re-election when their current terms end.

While in the United States the urge to curb the terms of public officials is becoming a passion (22 states now restrict the time congressmen may serve), Mexico has been living with the most severe of term limitations almost since the blood of the 1910 Mexican Revolution was spilled to oust an elected dictator who stayed in office too long.

The North American neighbors are at opposite ends of the election spectrum: One imposes almost no limits nationwide, while the other allows almost no re-election anywhere. People on both sides see the need to move more toward an idealized center in which "citizen legislators" must answer to voters and then leave before they lose touch with their home districts.

But the experience of Mexico suggests that such mechanical changes hardly guarantee good government. Taken to an extreme, as it has been in Mexico, ejecting representatives by legal mechanism rather than the will of voters can serve a corrupt system just as easily as it can be held up as the answer to congressional gridlock and incumbent advantage.

Since the term limits were imposed by constitutional amendment in 1932, Mexico's state-party political culture has relied on the weakness such limits create. The Mexican Congress is considered no match for a powerful president who is his party's most powerful member. In many ways, Mexican legislators turn out to be amateurs at governance whose primary goal is to lobby for another government job. While a complete turnover every few years insures that there are no entrenched interests, it also means that the president almost always gets his way.

It seems, though, that advocates of term limits in the United States have learned little from the experiences of their neighbor, if only because they have not studied it. "I don't know much about that," said Paul Jacob, executive director of U.S. Term Limits, the organization that coordinated lobbying efforts during the elections last month in which seven more states adopted restrictions on Congressional tenure. The organization is also defending Arkansas's congressional term limits against a constitutional challenge on which the United States Supreme Court heard

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Damian Dovarganes/Associated Press

His one term over, Carlos Salinas de Gortari hands the presidential sash to a one-term Congresswoman, Carlota Vargas, to pass along to the president's successor.

Killings, Legal and Otherwise, Around the U.S.

By TOM KUNTZ

THE popular notion that executions are a deterrent to murder appears to be as strong as ever. In New York, where Governor-elect George E. Pataki has vowed to bring back the death penalty, 57 percent of the respondents to an opinion poll before his election said they thought the death penalty would deter other criminals from killing.

The statistics presented below — using state homicide rates issued this weekend by the F.B.I. that cover the modern period of the death penalty — lend little support to this view. Take a look at the record-high murder rate for Louisiana, one of the most active states in what execution foes call the Southern "death belt."

Such numbers can be maddeningly debatable, however, since many factors determine crime rates — which death penalty foes might say is just the point.

Still, some numbers can be unambiguously informative, like some of those gathered by Watt Espy, director of the Capital Punishment Research Project in Headland, Ala. A search of his data base last week yielded numbers for this century that belie the perception of execution as a largely Southern phenomenon. It's something to keep in mind as the hiatus in executions forced by the Supreme Court in the 1970's fades in memory and older historical patterns re-emerge.

In New York, artifacts of such history rest dormant for now at the corrections department's Albany Training Academy and at its Green Haven prison in Dutchess County. The state's two remaining electric chairs are housed at those sites (the former was used at the Clinton prison, the latter at Sing Sing, while a third was destroyed in a 1929 fire at the Auburn prison) and they stand available if needed after the Legislature's anticipated passage of a death penalty bill by next November.

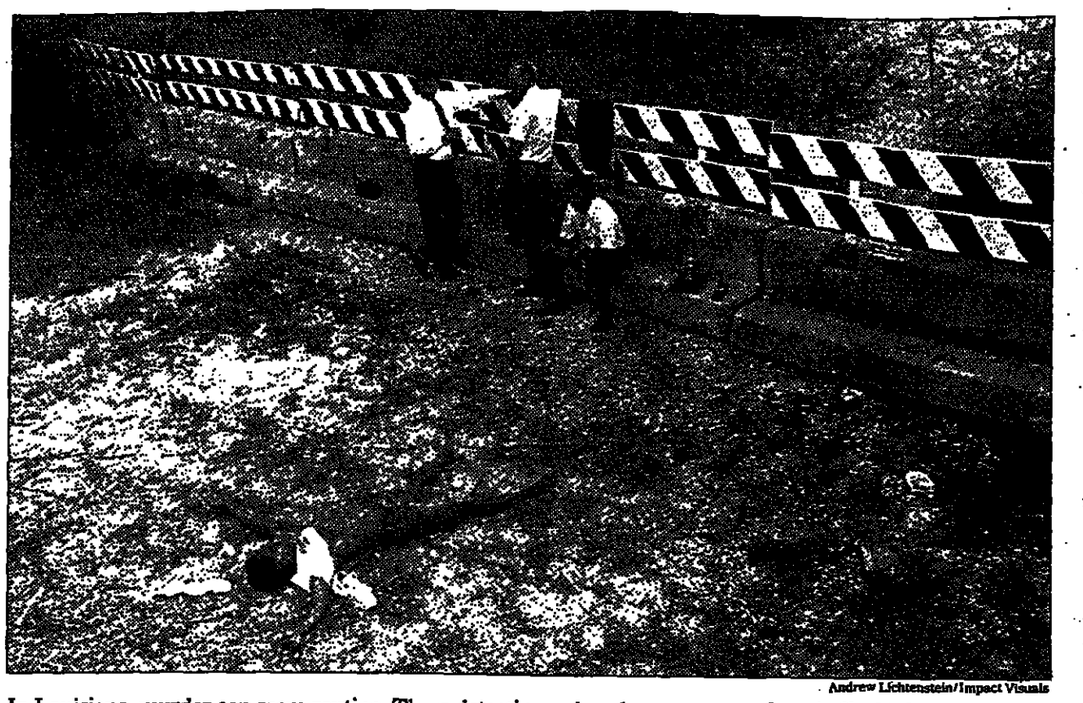
As it and other state assemblies move on capital punishment, an issue certain to arise is cost. Death penalty opponents and academics have issued numerous studies — one is recounted below — disputing the idea that executions can save a state money.

Richard F. Dieter, director of the Death Penalty Information Center, says that from the outset, "Death penalty cases are much more expensive than other criminal cases and cost more than imprisonment for life with no possibility of parole."

"Complex pre-trial motions, lengthy jury selections, and expenses for expert witnesses are all likely to add to the costs in death penalty cases," he says. "The irreversibility of the death sentence requires courts to follow heightened due process in the preparation and course of the trial."

It is this "heightened due process" that is fueling frustrations and prompting execution advocates to clamor for streamlined appeals. Many of them concede that at the core their argument rests on the time-honored tradition of just retribution for heinous crimes.

Amnesty International argues, however, that "criminal codes do not sanction the raping of rapists or the burning of arsonists' homes" and today's standards of justice reject repeating the acts that society condemns. But increasingly in America, the standard is different when the crime is murder.

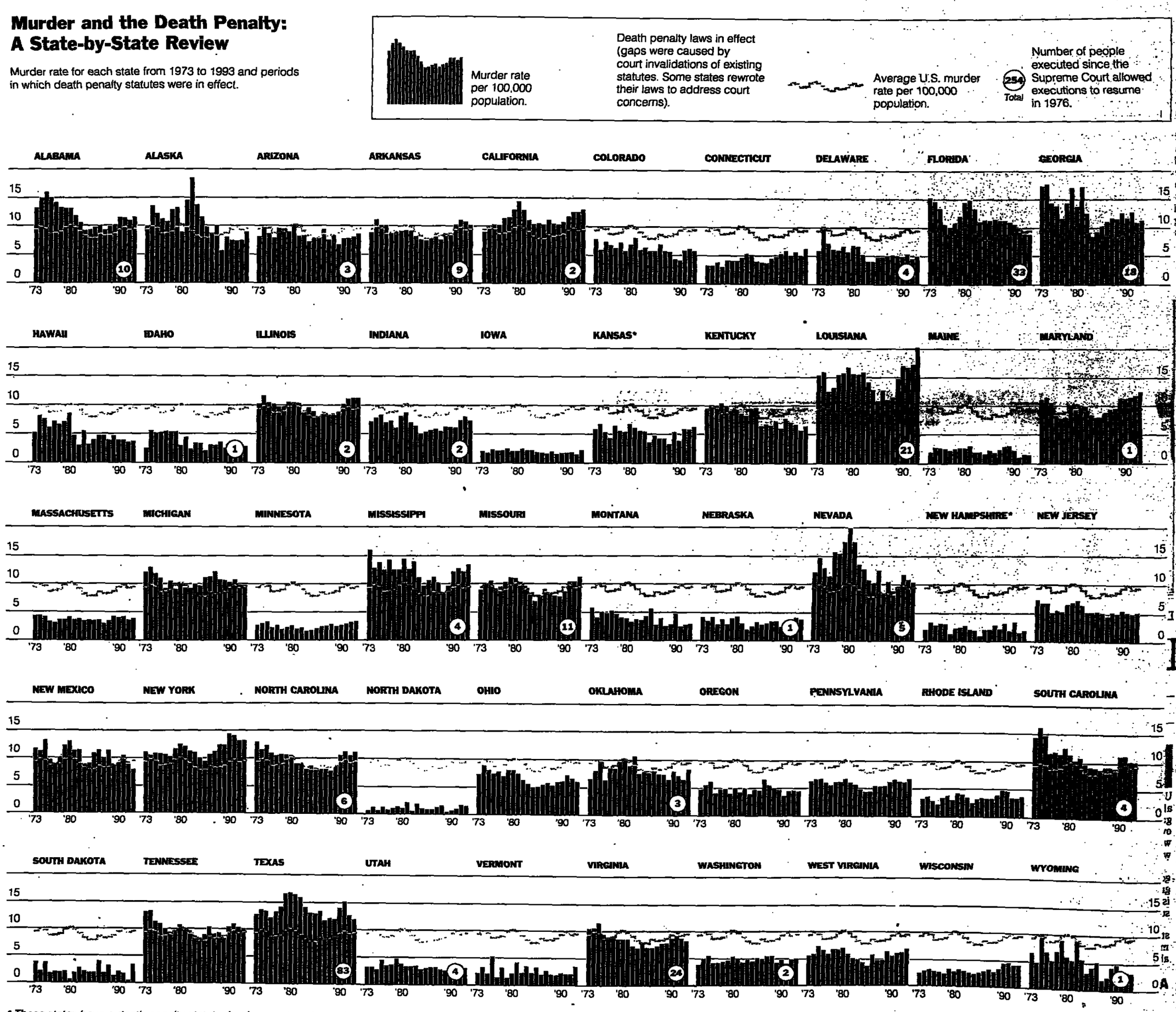


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In Louisiana, murder can seem routine. Three detectives relaxed near a corpse found off a highway in 1991.

Murder and the Death Penalty: A State-by-State Review

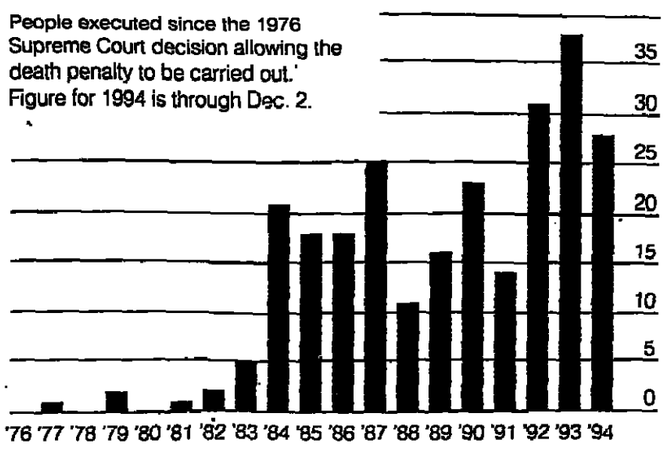
Murder rate for each state from 1973 to 1993 and periods in which death penalty statutes were in effect.



* These states have a death penalty statute, but have not sentenced anyone to die.

The Pace of Executions: Since 1976...

People executed since the 1976 Supreme Court decision allowing the death penalty to be carried out. Figure for 1994 is through Dec. 2.



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States with the most confirmed executions. Figures for some states, like Georgia and Texas, are lower than their actual number of executions, as many sentences were carried out at the county level but cannot be confirmed. Since the earliest Colonial days, 18,816 executions have been documented, including territories now or once held by the U.S.

Since 1608		20th Century	
VIRGINIA	2,048	GA.	673
NEW YORK	1,357	N.Y.	644
GEORGIA	1,152	TEX.	640
PA.	1,077	PA.	545
N.C.	1,029	CALIF.	480

The Price of a Death Penalty Sentence

Duke University researchers followed 77 murder cases in North Carolina in 1991 and 1992. Of the cases studied, 58 were capital trials, and 32 of those cases had two phases of trial, one to determine guilt and one for the sentence. A total of 94 people were tried in death penalty cases in North Carolina in 1991 and 1992, and 29 were sentenced to death.

The average cost to try a noncapital murder case and keep a convicted criminal in prison for 20 years.

$166,000

The average cost to try, convict and execute a murderer. In North Carolina, an indigent defendant in a capital trial has the right to two lawyers instead of one. More expert witnesses are required. More legal briefs are filed. After conviction, there are nine steps in the appeals process, and some can be repeated.

$329,000

Sources. NAACP Legal Defense Fund, National Coalition Against the Death Penalty; Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reports; Watt Espy, Director of the Capital Punishment Research Project; Duke University

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The World

The Serbs Dream, But Dare Not Wake

By ROGER COHEN

KNIN, Croatia

GREATER SERBIA is a bleak place. Here in its southwestern corner, young men and old are in uniform and kids' shoes are the color of camouflage. Freight cars that have not moved for three years rust in a railway station where the clocks have stopped. The eyes of women are tired. The eyes of many men are bleary with liquor by mid-morning.

Yet this small town, which was a big railway junction of the former Yugoslavia, now calls itself the capital city of Croatia's separatist Serbs, an important metropolis of the contorted land mass that would be Greater Serbia. It is here that Serbs set the Yugoslav conflict in motion by rebelling against Croatian independence in 1991, and it is near here, still, that they intend to build the western frontier of a land ruled directly or indirectly from Belgrade.

With the Serb's victory in the Bihac area of northwestern Bosnia, that goal moved a little closer. But it is a dream sustained by conflict. Were it ever to come true and the *conflict to end, the Serbs would be left to live* among themselves — and face their own acute differences in the absence of the economic ties to other Yugoslavs on which their old prosperity was based.

"Our wish is to live with the other Serbs of the former Yugoslavia," said Savo Strbac, an official in the Knin-based government of the self-styled Krajina Republic established by the Serbs on the Croatian land they occupy. "The Croats never asked us about secession, and the fact is we don't want to live with them because of our memories of genocide during World War II. So let us secede from Croatia the way Croatia seceded from Yugoslavia."

That desire has been pursued relentlessly by the Croatian Serbs for more than three years now. A similar desire to secede from Bosnia and Herzegovina has been pursued relentlessly by Bosnia's Serbs since 1992.

The Serbs' drive has prompted outrage, international military threats and often justified horror. But last week, the United Nations and NATO suggested that some accommodation of the Serbs is inevitable because force won't be used to thwart them.

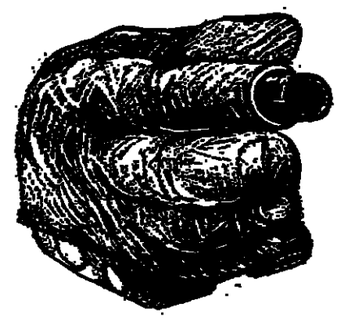
It is not that a Greater Serbia will ever be formally recognized. But, after the fiasco in Bihac — the Muslim enclave in Bosnia that the United Nations declared a safe haven but no longer pretends it can protect — the Clinton Administration seems to have joined European governments in accepting that the more than one million Serbs outside Serbia need constitutional arrangements that will allow them — at least initially — to feel a closer allegiance to Belgrade than to the countries in which they find themselves.

This admission may look like a victory for the Serbs. But it could prove a mixed blessing. For, after three years of war and isolation, the lands of Greater Serbia are riven *with economic blight and political divisions.*

The Risks of Peace

If peace would just break out, the whole vast scheme unleashed by Serbia's President, Slobodan Milosevic, in 1987 might implode under the weight of its own misery, frustration and internal contradictions.

There are no economic indicators for Serbian-held land outside Serbia. But the visual evidence is startling: deserted countryside, overgrown railway lines, empty roads, idle factories, thinly populated villages. Of a prewar population of 1.2 million Serbs in



Bosnia, it is estimated that half have left.

Those Serbs who remain in the Krajina or in Bosnia and are not fighting do not do much. Milos Petrovic, the 30-year-old station master in Knin, is a miserable figure, a kind of forlorn monument to the folly of Yugoslavia's disintegration and the attempt to pack into one country all the Serbs who were scattered by centuries of migration across the Balkans.

"We come here every day and we do nothing," Mr. Petrovic said. "We used to

> Peace would put the Serb leaders at each other's throats.

have 120 trains a day from all over Yugoslavia and Europe. Now we have one train a day to a place just up the track. The line to Zagreb is cut by the Croats, the line to Belgrade by the Muslims. I used to earn about 1,500 German marks a month. Now I earn 50, when I'm paid."

And what conclusion does Mr. Petrovic draw? "It's better for Serbs to suffer in this *hole than be part of Croatia and dead. An* agreement with the Croats is impossible."

This sort of obstinate sentiment has deep roots in the traumatic history of the Serbs. But it has also been fanned by the gang of nationalists who helped bring on and now



Horacio Cardo

sustain the conflict — Mr. Milosovic in Serbia, Radovan Karadzic in Serb-held Bosnia and Milan Martic in Krajina. If they left, it seems, the Serbs might finally start to look at their wallets rather than their past.

For armed conflict sustains these leaders, who thrive on intimidation, propaganda and the fog of war. Without it — in some peaceful and loosely interconnected stretch of Serbdom — the divisions apparent among them would almost certainly make the political survival of all of them impossible.

The rivalry between Mr. Milosevic and Mr. Karadzic has already reached a poisonous pitch. Their disagreement last summer over whether to accept an international peace plan for Bosnia has led Mr. Karadzic to close down the offices of Mr. Milosevic's Serbian Socialist Party in Bosnia.

It has also led the Bosnian Serb leader to purge his intelligence service of at least 40 people suspected of loyalty to Belgrade and to pursue a conservative, nationalist and even royalist political position. This stands in opposition to Mr. Milosevic's brand of secular socialism, rooted in his old home, the former Yugoslavia's Communist Party.

These differences are easily exaggerated. They serve Mr Milosevic's current purpose of distancing himself from Serbian war crimes in Bosnia. But given the ambition and ruthlessness of both men, it seems clear that a furious political combat would emerge in any confederated Serbian entity.

Economically dependent on Belgrade but geographically dependent on Serb-held Bosnia, Mr. Martic of the Krajina would have a very hard time navigating such a conflict.

Amid such political confusion, the forgotten rules of economics might start to intrude. Bosnian Serbs might start to remember they once worked and had a good time in largely Muslim Sarajevo; Croatian Serbs might similarly gravitate to Croatia's capital, Zagreb. The barrier-frontiers of Serb military conquest might start to collapse.

In short, common sense could start to raise its head — a development shrewdly encouraged by Croatia last week in accepting an economic agreement with the rebel Serbs of Krajina.

"The Croats and Serbs are not guilty," said Radmila Catic, a 25-year-old Serb selling coffee and candies at Knin's market. "Only the politicians are guilty." She once had two houses on Croatia's Dalmatian Coast but was hounded out of them by the Croats. Now she makes a 16-hour trek to Hungary every 20 days to buy goods to sell in Knin and to support her two children.

"I am a Serb but I would accept to live in Croatia provided it was peaceful," she said, scarcely holding back tears. "It doesn't matter if we're in Croatia or Serbia so long as we're at peace and this misery ends."



John Maier Jr. for The New York Times

Latin Americans no longer revile the North. Above, Rio de Janeiro's Brazilian-American Cultural Center.

Latin Leaders Speak Gringo

By JAMES BROOKE

RIO DE JANEIRO

IT'S being billed as a meeting of the hemispheres, but when President Clinton addresses Latin America's leaders this week in Miami, it will have more than a passing resemblance to an evening at the University Club. The Latin American leaders include alumni of Yale, Columbia and the University of Michigan. And they see the United States not so much as the overbearing behemoth of Latin lore, but as a place where they studied, whose language they share and whose values they are increasingly embracing.

This does not mean that all of South America has gone yanqui; the new rapport with North America is growing, in large part, only among the elites. But that is still enough of change to make this first hemispheric summit meeting since 1967 unlike any other.

For a quarter-century of accelerating travel, study and work in North America seems to have shorn many of the continent's leaders of their suspicions about the Northern colossus.

A Common Language

The two halves of the hemisphere now speak the same economic language — that of free trade between free markets. And if they still have bargaining to do on how fast South America will be admitted to a hemisphere-wide free trade zone, at least they can do much of it in English.

Until the mid-1980's, the Latin countries had a penchant for repressive dictatorships and economies run to benefit the cronies of the powerful. The United States, whose banks were pressing for repayment of billions of dollars in loans, was an all-purpose villain. Now, after Southeast Asia, Latin America is the world's fastest growing regional economy and the fastest growing market for United States exports. And civilian democracy is the general rule.

"It's similar to all those exchange and scholarship programs that chipped away at the Iron Curtain; the Latin American students have learned different ways of running their economies and their politics," said William S. Reese, president of Partners of the Americas, a private Washington-based group that promotes educational exchanges between the Americas.

So far, this transformation has been limited to the middle and upper classes. And because the region has the world's worst income distribution, one result may be to widen already yawning social, cultural and economic gaps. "It's all very nice that almost all the Cabinet has attended American universities," a minister in Ecuador said recently. "But lower down in the ministries, all the bureaucrats attended the National University. There they had Marxist professors who taught them to love state companies and to equate foreign investment with theft."

But the middle-class embrace of the United States is clear in many places where France, Spain or Portugal used to be the preferred places to tour or study. Take Brazil. Over the last two decades, the number of Brazilians visiting the United States has increased 12-fold, to 700,000 this year. And since the early 1960's, the number of Brazilians studying at American colleges has increased tenfold, to almost 5,000.

Overall, South America's share of United States tourist and business visas more than doubled in the five years that ended in 1993, when it reached 21 percent. The number of subscribers to CNN has tripled in three years to almost 2 million. Last year, when Magic Johnson retired from professional basketball, it was front-page news in soccer-crazy Brazil — a tribute to the influence of satellite television.

The United States business school degree is now the universally sought after ticket to success. "Applications from Latin Americans have been growing at the rate of 20 percent a year for the last five years," said Thomas P. Gerrity, president of the Wharton school of the University of Pennsylvania, which now has 1,020 Latin American alumni.

Indeed, the ornate Spanish-style presidential palaces of Latin America are increasingly filled with leaders who mowed lawns during summer jobs in the United States. César Gaviria Trujillo, the former Colombian President who became Secretary General of the Organization of American States in September, studied for a year at Roosevelt High School in Fresno, Calif. Ecuador's President, Sixto Durán Ballén, was born in Boston and graduated from Columbia University. President Alberto K. Fujimori of Peru studied mathematics at the University of Michigan.

Bolivia's President, Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada, grew up in the United States and speaks Spanish with an American accent. Brazil's President-elect, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, has lectured at Stanford and Princeton. And Mexico's new President, Ernesto Zedillo, earned a doctorate in economics from Yale. "The best U.S. investment in Latin America was not the Alliance for Progress, but the Fulbright scholars program," said Augusto Alvárez Rodrich, director of Perú Económico, the nation's leading business magazine.

Having developed a global perspective and an insider's understanding of competitive capitalism, such people tend to return dissatisfied with crony capitalism, a system pockmarked by monopolies, state subsidies and high tariff barriers. But to say Latin America's elite soaked up American economics is not to say that they absorbed its civics lessons.

Last year, a group of wealthy Colombian parents at Bogotá's American school, the Colegio Nuevo Granada, sought to bar the children of American oil workers from admission.

See Term Limits in Action. Take a Look at Mexico.

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arguments last week.

It would probably be a matter of chagrin to Tom Foley or Dan Rostenkowski, both forcibly retired, to know that only a handful of Mexico's 90 million people, half of whom are under 20, have ever had the opportunity to throw the bums out.

Mexico's aversion to re-election can be traced to the long reign of Porfirio Díaz, who was elected President in 1876 and stayed in office with one four-year interruption until 1910, when he was overthrown. To add historical insult to injury, he had campaigned in 1876 on a platform of "effective suffrage, no re-election," but obviously thought it applied to everyone but him.

In some ways, the 1910 Revolution was Mexico's term limitation campaign, even though term limits were not enshrined in the Constitution for 22 more years. Even today, official documents still bear the revolutionary slogan "effective suffrage; no re-election."

The 1917 constitution allowed the president only one term, but after he was out office for a few years one former President, Álvaro Obregón, dared run again. He got the constitution changed and ran unopposed in 1928 after all his opponents were killed. He won but was himself assassinated before his second term began. Four years later, the formal term limit was reimposed — and, with it the congressional term limitations. Until then, state and federal legislatures had been feisty bunches that blocked presidential initiatives and focused on constituent concerns. But Mr. Obregón's successor as President, Pascual Ortiz Rubio, found himself frustrated by Congressional gridlock and resigned in 1932, leaving it to the leaders of Mexico's powerful ruling party, the Institutional Revolutionary Party or PRI, to devise a solution.



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Ernesto Zedillo, the new lame duck, dons the sash.

The reform they offered, term limits for everyone, was far more pragmatic than ideological in the view of Jeffrey Weldon, a professor of political science in Mexico City who has researched the issue. The PRI leaders wanted to weaken the legislature in relation to the presidency, which is the party's prize property (the PRI has controlled the presidency for 65 years, not counting the six more years on which Mr. Zedillo has just embarked). The huge turnover caused by forced one-term retirements also helped avoid jealousies within the party, because it assured there were enough positions open each year to reward all loyal supporters eventually.

A Congress of Sheep

But even in 1932 the danger was clear. A parliamentary leader, Gonzalo N. Santos, warned that if term limitations were imposed, Mexico's legislators "would be turned into sheep."

Today, Mexican newspaper cartoonists often portray the legislators as just such an obedient flock. Without a need to answer to constituents, lower house members in their three-year terms and senators in their six-year terms tend to vote neither their conscience nor the interest of those they were supposed to represent. Rather, they reflect the will of the president and the party, who have the power to name them to other government positions once their terms end.

Their pliability is reflected in their acquiescence to presidential will. Since 1917, the Mexican Constitution, which can be changed only with the approval of half of the state legislatures and two-thirds of each house of Congress, has been amended more than 400 times.

No Accountability

"The system produced enormous mobility in the political elite," said Ulises Beltrán, an adviser to former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, "but it has had a fundamental cost, which is that the Mexican electorate doesn't have any concept of accountability."

The checks and balances contained in Mexico's Constitution rarely function. "The consequences have been terrible for the legislature," said Alonso Lujambio, chairman of the political science department at the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico. Without seniority rankings, committee chairmanships are based on a legislator's relationships, not his effectiveness. Although legislators legally can serve nonconsecutive terms, only about 14 percent have done so since 1933.

Only staff members are around long enough to gain expertise, but since they aren't accountable to voters either, they also end up with time on their hands. Perhaps too much time. The chief suspects in the recent assassination of José Francisco Ruiz Massieu, the PRI's secretary general, are a federal legislator and the chief of staff of the legislative water commission.

A proposal to allow a single re-election gained strength in 1964 but was eventually defeated. In 1991, a group of businessmen announced in a local newspaper ad that they had begun a campaign to amend Article 83 of the Constitution, which limits each president to one term. It caused a furor. President Salinas soon was proclaiming the inviolability of "effective suffrage, no re-election."

A poll in 1992 showed that 49 percent of Mexicans favor re-election, although hardly anyone says so in public. Now a small group of academics, including Professor Lujambio, are proposing a simple reform, allowing three terms in the lower house and two in the Senate — the same limits proposed by U.S. Term Limits.

Just last week, though, the head of Mexico's national labor federation, Fidel Velázquez, reminded Mexicans of how much faith they have historically placed in the notion of term limits when he proposed that even union leaders not be re-elected more than once.

That was remarkable, considering that the only public figure (as opposed to public official) in Mexico who can be re-elected is the president of the federation of labor, and the only person who has held that position since 1950 is 94-year-old Don Fidel.

Don Fidel, who fought in the revolution to topple Porfirio Díaz, has said that when his current term expires, in 1998, he will not run for re-election. But Mexicans have heard that before.

Lazy Gordon gets hot, snuffs Mac Ramat Gan

JOEL GORDIN

THE unpredictable, flamboyant Lazy Gordon was the superstar of last night's 11th-round National Basketball League games. He took the debt-ridden, demoralized Hapoel Haifa club to an amazing 19-point, 101-82, road victory over Maccabi Ramat Gan; all this after Haifa trailed 43-35 at halftime.

Gordon scored a massive 33 points – including six 3-pointers, but netted only nine points in the first half. Haifa coach Ranni Kahane, in fact, took Gordon out after 10 minutes of the first half due to the point guard's sloppy play in which he was guilty of a half-dozen turnovers. A furious argument developed between the player and the coach which could be heard all around the court.

At any rate, in the first half, Haifa could not stop Lamont Strothers who made up for the poor game played by Ramat Gan's other American, John Eubanks. The home team easily led by eight points at the break.

As the second half began, Kahane gave Gordon a second chance; and that was the name of Haifa's runaway win. It must have been a happy journey back north for a team which has pulled itself out of the cellar, although, according to reports, the players have not received salaries for three months.

For Haifa, Gordon scored 33, Michael Kennedy 22, Barak Livne 11 (including three 3-pointers). For Ramat Gan, Strothers scored 28 and Motti Ben-Basset 13.

Hapoel Eilat 102, Hapoel Holon 95

Holon sponsor Nahum Minlver's all-star cast – which is rumored to have cost him $4 million – once again failed to make the grade and slipped another point towards the lower half of the table.

In the first half, Holon was mesmerized by a brilliant Willie Sims and could not get going on offense. Eilat led 47-41 at halftime. After the break, Holon coach Meyer Kaminsky benched a disappointing Doron Shefa and shifted Oren Aharoni to playmaker. Adi Gordon took up the slack at scoring guard and knocked in a series of 3-pointers which helped to close the gap.

Then, Eilat's Brian Rowsom found his scoring hands, the Holon defense crumbled; and for the umpteenth time this season, the "dream team" woke up to the harsh reality of defeat. For Eilat: Rowsom 28, Sims 15, Ari Rosenberg and Itzhik Cohen 12 apiece. For Holon: David Thirdkill netted 28, Gordon 23 and Shilton Jones 19.

Maccabi Jerusalem 94, Hapoel Gvat 85

Jerusalem's home win brought it valuable points to keep out of the cellar. The home club took advantage of first-half lapses by Gvat's two Americans, Derrick Gervin and Rodney Munro to shoot ahead to a halftime lead of 47-40.

Afterwards, Jerusalem's Joe Dawson was slapped with two technical fouls and Gervin and Munro sent Gvat storming back and a close game developed. However, Jerusalem's new player Sean Green, coupled with eager Gilad Simhoni, held the fort and thwarted the invaders. Simhoni surpassed himself with 23, Green scored 20 and Dawson 18. For Gvat, Gervin sank 26 and Munro 24.

Hap Herzliya 107, Hap Givatayim 97

As shown by the score, neither team bothered too much with defense and the home club won because they had the more accurate shooters. For Herzliya, Paul Thompson and Amir Katz each hit 26 and John Hudson 17. Givatayim's ace was the new big man Adrian Branch who slammed 35, keeping his team in the game. Gary Plummer scored 29. Herzliya led 60-49 at halftime.

Tonight, the winner of the Maccabi Rishon Lezion-Maccabi Tel Aviv clash (both 9-1) will take over sole possession of first place. The game will be shown live on the Sports Channel from 20:30.

In the other remaining game, Betar Ramat Gan hosts Hapoel Jerusalem in another sad, but foregone conclusion.

Greg LeMond retires after being diagnosed with muscular disease

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Greg LeMond, a three-time Tour de France winner who climbed to the pinnacle of cycling by overcoming formidable odds, retired Saturday because of a rare muscular disease.

LeMond said he has mitochondrial myopathy, and that is has sapped his strength the past three seasons.

The 33-year-old American said he made his decision after considering the results of months of testing.

Mitochondria is responsible for energy production and is generally referred to as the power source for muscle contraction.

LeMond's physician, Rochelle Taube, said this is the first known diagnosis of the disease in a healthy individual and the first in an athlete. The disease usually affects pediatric and older patients.

"I don't want anyone to think I'm dying, or anything like that," LeMond said. "I just can't perform at the level I'm accustomed to."

LeMond became in 1986 the first non-European to win the prestigious 23-day, 3,200-kilometer (2,000-mile) Tour de France. He was only the second American ever to compete in the grueling event.

LeMond was accidently shot by his brother-in-law while hunting for wild turkey in northern California in April 1987. He had more than 60 lead pellets removed from his liver, kidneys, intestines and posterior in five hours of surgery, but more than 40 remain in his body including two in the lining of his heart.

LeMond said his doctors are pursuing a possible link to the hunting accident. While there are no limitations to his daily activities, the condition makes it impossible to achieve the level necessary to race competitively.

Plebes will be plebes



Midshipmen wearing pom poms cheer the arrival of their team before the start of the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia on Saturday. Kurt Heiss' 52-yard field goal with 6:19 left gave Army a 22-20 victory, the Cadet's fourth victory in the last five years.

Hawks snap Magic's win streak

ATLANTA (Reuter) – Jon Koncak made a jumper, a free throw and a key defensive play down the stretch as the Atlanta Hawks ended the Orlando Magic's club-record nine-game winning streak on Saturday.

Stacey Augmon scored 21 points for the Hawks, who erased a seven-point deficit in the final four minutes to win 107-105.

"We need to play like this every night," said Augman whose last jumper tied the score at 105-105.

Koncak, who scored just seven points, hit a free throw with 32 seconds left to put the Hawks ahead and deflected a pass meant for Shaquille O'Neal off Orlando's Brian Shaw and out of bounds to give the ball back to Atlanta.

O'Neal had 27 points and 15 rebounds and Anfernee Hardaway added 26 points for the Magic, who were held scoreless in the final 1:44.

Timberwolves 103, Clippers 95

The winless host Clippers fell to 0-15, equaling the second-worst start in NBA history.

The Clippers are just two losses shy of the all-time record for most losses at the start of a season, set by the expansion Miami Heat in 1988.

Doug West, Christian Laettner and Isaiah Rider all scored 19 points to lead the Minnesota attack.

Pistons 107, Suns 97

Rookie Grant Hill scored four of his 19 points during an 11-0 third-quarter run that broke open the game as Detroit won at home.

Detroit held a 10-point lead with 3:18 left in the third when Hill and Mark Macon sparked the game-breaking run that put the Pistons up 87-66 with 28 seconds left in the quarter.

Knicks 111, Bullets 95

Charles Smith scored 23 points and Anthony Mason added a season-high 22 as host New York rebounded from its worst loss of the season.

The Knicks, which have 11 straight wins over Washington, were coming off a 125-100 rout at the hands of Orlando.

"It was a good way for us to shake off the effects of last night," said Knicks coach Pat Riley. "There was a lot of intensity out there."

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	11	3	.786	–
New York	8	5	.615	2.5
Boston	7	8	.467	4.5
Philadelphia	6	8	.429	5
Washington	6	8	.385	5.5
New Jersey	6	11	.353	6.5
Miami	4	9	.308	6.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Indiana	9	5	.643	–
Cleveland	9	6	.600	.5
Chicago	8	7	.533	1.5
Detroit	8	7	.533	1.5
Charlotte	7	7	.500	2
Atlanta	6	9	.400	3.5
Milwaukee	5	9	.357	4

SATURDAY'S RESULTS:
New York 111, Washington 95
Atlanta 107, Orlando 105
Philadelphia 83, Cleveland 78
Detroit 107, Phoenix 97
Sacramento 94, New Jersey 89
Chicago 125, Boston 109
Utah 112, Dallas 87
Denver 99, Charlotte 88
Seattle 111, Milwaukee 108
Minnesota 103, LA Clippers 95
Indiana 118, Golden State 107

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	11	4	.733	–
Utah	10	6	.625	1.5
Denver	8	6	.571	2.5
Dallas	7	6	.538	3
San Antonio	7	7	.500	3.5
Minnesota	3	13	.188	8.5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	11	5	.688	–
Seattle	10	5	.667	.5
LA Lakers	9	6	.600	1.5
Golden State	8	7	.533	2.5
Sacramento	7	7	.500	3
Portland	6	7	.462	3.5
LA Clippers	0	15	.000	10.5

Pakistan wins hockey World Cup

SYDNEY (AP) – Goalkeeper Mansoor Ahmad made a dramatic diving save to stop a penalty stroke from Jeroen Delmee yesterday as Pakistan triumphed in a shootout against the Netherlands and won the World Cup field hockey title for a record fourth time.

The teams were level 1-1 after regulation time and Pakistan won the penalty contest 4-3.

Ahmad, who also was the hero when Pakistan defeated Olympic champion Germany on penalty strokes in the semifinal, dived to his right to stop the Delmee's shot and seal the win.

Floris Jan Bovelander had earlier missed with the second stroke for the Dutch team and Shafqat Malik had seen his stroke saved by Dutch goalkeeper Ronald Jansen when he could have sealed the win.

Hundreds of Pakistani supporters invaded the pitch at the State Sports Center after Ahmad made his save. The Pakistan players prostrated themselves on the ground in a mixture of delight and disbelief and then were hoisted on the shoulders of their fans.

The loss was the first in 28 games for the Dutch, who beat Pakistan in the 1990 final in Lahore and had been seeking their third World Cup victory.

Pakistan previously triumphed in 1971, 1978 and 1982. Its inspirational captain Shahbaz Ahmed was named tournament MVP.

"This is unforgettable," said Shahbaz. "It is a matter of great excitement for all of us."

Dutch coach Roelant Oltmans conceded that Pakistan had dominated the second half – during which both teams had a goal disallowed – and deserved its win.

"A penalty competition is a lottery and not the best way to settle a World Cup, but they did better than us in the second half," he said. "We couldn't control the game the way we wanted."

Australia earlier crushed Olympic champion Germany 5-2 in the bronze medal game, scoring four goals in an eight-minute period midway through the first half.

England scores 100-run win

CANBERRA (AP) – Mike Atherton, Alec Stewart and Graeme Hick all scored half-centuries yesterday as England cruised to a 100-run victory over the Australian Capital Territory in a limited-overs cricket match at Manuka Oval.

England scored 253 for five in its allocated 50 overs and then dismissed the home team for 153. Paceman Darren Gough took four for 19 from 5.2 overs.

England captain Atherton cruised to 53 off 68 balls, including four boundaries, before retiring after a 97-run partnership with Stewart.

Stewart scored his 50 from 78 balls and hammered three fours and one six before being bowled by Ian Garrity for 53.

Graham Thorpe joined Hick at the crease for another quick scoring partnership before Hick misjudged a ball from John Bull and was bowled for 50. His half-century came from just 55 balls in 52 minutes.

Thorpe contributed 38 and Graham Gooch was unbeaten on 40 at the end of the innings.

Erlich upsets Czech favorite

HEATHER CHAIT

ISRAEL'S 17-year-old Eyal Erlich upset the favorite Czech David Skoch to win the Masters event of the Friedman men's tennis satellite yesterday in Ramat Hasharon.

Skoch, winner of the rounds in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Ashkelon, went down to Erlich 7-6(3), 6-2 in an uninspiring game. Erlich picks up 33 ATP points which should lift him to around the 463 world mark.

The final, which had been scheduled for Friday in Beersheba, was moved north after being delayed twice by rain.

Erlich's luck spread to the doubles where he teamed up with Lior Mor to beat Skoch and fellow Czech Petr Pala 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

In the Ada Moross women's development final, Czech Leona Laskova completed her quartet by winning her fourth successive title on the Israeli circuit.

Laskova, making her comeback after a six-month break due to injury, beat Ivona Mihailova from Macedonia 6-3, 6-1.

Prize money of $800 was awarded to both Erlich and Laskova.

SCOREBOARD

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Faldo holds off Els, Price for million dollar win

SUN CITY, SA (AP) – Nick Faldo of England fought off African challengers Nick Price and Ernie Els yesterday to win the Million Dollar Challenge by three shots and take home golf's richest first prize – $1 million.

Three times the runner up in the 14-year-old tournament at the Gary Player Country Club, Faldo used a ruthless iron game and some clutch putting to outduel Els, the US Open champion from South Africa, and hold off a late-charging Price, the Zimbabwean who led the world rankings this year and won the British Open and PGA titles.

"I've always wanted to say this – Sun City, thanks a million," Faldo said after receiving the winner's check and trophy.

His final found 69 gave him a tournament total of 272, 16 strokes under par and three shots ahead of Price, the defending champion who birdied three of the last six holes to move into second place ahead of a faltering Els.

Playing with Faldo, Els pulled even once in the front nine, then bogeyed the 13th when his approach missed the green and took a crippling double bogey on the 15th by having to play two shots from a thicket.

Faldo, meanwhile, recovered from a bogey on the third hole caused by a penalty drop to birdie the seventh and ninth holes, then fired consecutive birdies on the 15th and 16th to clinch victory.

Faldo led after all four rounds and set a tournament record of 14-under-par at the halfway mark with two straight eight-birdie days. His second round 64 tied Lee Trevino for course record and gave him a seven-stroke lead.

But his putting touch disappeared on Saturday, and Els fired a five-under 67 to fight back to within two strokes. In both the third and fourth rounds, Els tied Faldo but never managed to pull ahead, and Faldo each time responded with timely birdies to regain the lead.

Price had a final round 68 to end at 13-under, while Els shot a 72 to end at 11-under and tied for third with compatriot David Frost, who shot five birdies on the back nine for a final round 66.

Also finishing strong to finish tied for fifth place, two shots back, were Bernhard Langer of Germany and American Tom Lehman. Langer had a final round 68 and Lehman a 69.

Launched in 1981, the Million Dollar Challenge drew top players such as Ballesteros, Lee Trevino and Johnny Miller in the early years. But a cultural boycott against South Africa to protest the apartheid system caused most of the best players to skip it until reforms in recent years led to the nation's first all-race election in April and the formal end of apartheid.

'Severe punishment' awaits doped Chinese athletes

BEIJING (AP) – The 11 Chinese athletes who tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs at the Asian Games face "severe punishment," an official statement said yesterday.

The Chinese Olympic Committee was "shocked" when the Olympic Council of Asia confirmed the athletes had used hydrotesterone, the state-run *Xinhua News Agency* reported. The Xinhua report did not specify what the "severe punishment" would be.

The Olympic Council of Asia announced Saturday that the 11 had been stripped of the medals they won at the October games in Hiroshima.

OCA Director General Abdul Muttaleb Al-Ahmad said the athletes, six women and five men, won their medals for swimming, cycling and the decathlon. He said the athletes' names were not immediately available.

The Chinese olympic Committee issued a statement that said "it is clear to all that the excellent performance of most Chinese athletes was achieved through long-term, hard and scientific training, and their performances could not be totally denied."

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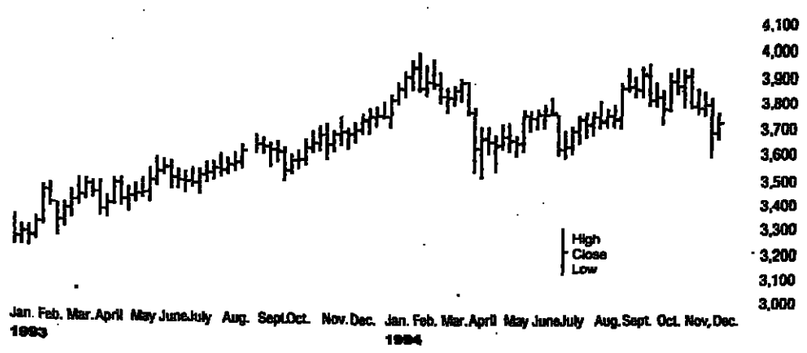
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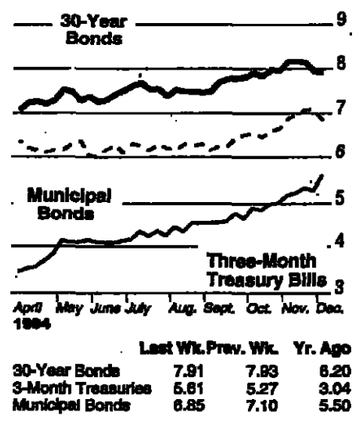
MARKET DIARY

	NYSE	NASDAQ	AMEX
Advanced	1,382	2,150	365
Declined	1,269	2,261	454
Unchanged	416	965	166
Issues Traded	3,067	5,376	985
New Highs	37	96	20
New Lows	352	340	135

MARKET INDEXES

	Close	Chg	%Chg	YTD %
D. J. Indust	3,745.62	+37.35	+ 1.01	− 0.23
D. J. Transp	1,436.40	+ 7.22	+ 0.51	−18.49
D. J. Utils	179.41	− 0.20	− 0.11	−21.76
S.&P. 500	453.30	+ 1.01	+ 0.22	− 2.82
S.&P. Indust	*538.83*	*+ 1.62*	*+ 0.30*	*− 0.25*
NYSE Comp	248.01	+ 0.41	+ 0.17	− 4.27
Nasdaq	745.02	+ 2.50	+ 0.34	− 4.09
Amex	432.46	− 2.23	− 0.51	− 9.37
Russell 2000	242.81	+ 0.78	+ 0.32	− 6.10
Wilshire 5000	4,476.94	+ 4.65	+ 0.10	− 3.88
Value Line	273.13	+ 0.09	+ 0.03	− 7.50

INTEREST RATES



	Last Wk.	Prev. Wk.	Yr. Ago
30-Year Bonds	7.91	7.93	6.20
3-Month Treasuries	5.61	5.27	3.04
Municipal Bonds	6.85	7.10	5.50

New York Stock Exchange

MOST ACTIVE

	Vol. (00)	Last	Chg.
RJR	247009	69 64	− 1/64
TelMex	203347	52 3/8	+ 7/8
WalMt	176201	22 1/2	− 1 1/8
AT&T	171201	48 3/8	− 1 3/8
BestBy	154623	33 3/4	− 8 3/4
Compq s	144229	40 1/8	+ 1 1/2
Merck x	136862	37 3/4	+ 1 1/8
SanFePC	128150	16 1/2	+ 1/8
Chrysir	118775	48 3/4	+ 1/8
Motorla s	108661	57 1/4	+ 5/8
GenEl s	*106086*	*47 1/8*	*+ 7/8*
GM	104941	38 5/8	+ 1/2
FordM	102286	27 1/4	− 1/4
HstMar	101599	95/8	+ 1/8
Digital	97308	33 3/8	− 5/8

PERCENTAGE GAINERS

	Last	Chg.	Pct.
SgnlApl	6 1/8	+ 2 1/8	53.1
GnHost	5 1/8	+ 7/8	20.6
DisAutoP	*16 7/8*	*+ 2 3/4*	*19.5*
SavnFd f	13 1/8	+ 2 1/8	19.3
Titan	5 3/4	+ 7/8	18.0
HmHolding n	6 5/8	+ 1	17.8
Fedders A	5 1/8	+ 3/4	17.1
UNCInc	6	+ 7/8	17.1
WmorC	5 3/8	+ 3/4	16.2
SuprFd	11 7/8	+ 1 1/2	14.5
CBI	*23*	*+ 2 7/8*	*14.3*
CCP In	16 1/8	+ 2	14.2
Shandong n	10 1/8	+ 1 1/4	14.1
MDC	5 1/8	+ 5/8	13.9
GnHous	15 7/8	+ 1 7/8	13.4

PERCENTAGE LOSERS

	Last	Chg.	Pct.
OHMCp	6 7/8	− 2 3/8	25.7
BestBy	33 3/4	− 8 3/4	20.6
NovaCr	*7 1/4*	*− 1 3/4*	*19.4*
BrdwyStr	8 5/8	− 2	18.8
USAWste	11 5/8	− 2 3/8	17.0
RscMtge	11 3/8	− 2 1/4	16.5
EdisBr	18 1/8	− 3 3/8	15.7
MusicL	10 1/2	− 1 7/8	15.2
AuthFit s	12	− 2 1/8	15.0
AllAllMkt n	16 7/8	− 2 7/8	14.6
BestBy pfM	46	− 7 3/4	14.4
HaysWhl	18 3/4	− 3 1/8	14.3
DianaCp	6 5/8	− 1	13.1
Finght s	14 1/2	− 2 1/8	12.8
Sequa pf	55	− 8	12.7

Nasdaq

MOST ACTIVE

	Vol. (00)	Last	Chg.
Intel	418678	62 7/8	− 1
MCI	401420	19 1/4	− 2 1/4
Novell	225946	19 1/2	+ 5/8
Ciscos s	163769	32 3/4	+ 3/8
Lotus	146254	45 1/4	+ 6 1/8
TelCm A	135825	23 3/4	+ 1 3/8
AppldMt s	132605	46 1/2	− 4 3/4
Micsft s	126793	63 1/4	+ 1
DellCpt	112814	41 1/8	− 2 1/8
AppleC	96044	36 9/16	− 1 3/16

PERCENTAGE GAINERS

	Last	Chg.	Pct.
DSP	6	+ 17/8	45.5
Vallnt A	6 1/16	+ 1 1/16	38.6
TSR	6 3/8	+ 1 3/4	37.8
Zeos	8 5/8	+ 2 1/8	32.7
ShuffMs	13 1/2	+ 3 5/16	32.5
Infodat s	6	+ 1 5/32	32.4
InsitVis	5 1/4	+ 1 1/4	31.3
NVUE	8 3/4	+ 2	29.6
Intrnu	5 1/4	+ 1 3/16	29.2
OrganikTc un	5 1/8	+ 1 1/8	28.1

PERCENTAGE LOSERS

	Last	Chg.	Pct.
AffnTel n	3 3/8	− 6 7/8	67.1
DM Mangmt	4 7/8	− 2 7/16	33.3
AppInRec	4 1/4	− 2	32.0
FirSheim n	6 1/2	− 3	31.6
JenC	5 1/2	− 2 1/4	29.0
CorctCp wts	6 3/4	− 2 3/8	26.0
TranWst unL	360	−120	25.0
NatGam wi	13	− 4 1/8	24.1
VisSci	5 3/8	− 1 5/8	23.2
IQ Sftwre	11 3/4	− 3 1/2	23.0

American Stock Exchange

MOST ACTIVE

	Vol. (00)	Last	Chg.
EchoBy	34935	10 1/4	− 3/4
CheySft s	34150	12 3/8	+ 1 3/8
RoyalO	30993	33 16	− 1/2
ViacomVar rt	*29237*	*1 3/8*	*− 3/16*
Viacom B	27525	38 7/8	+ 1

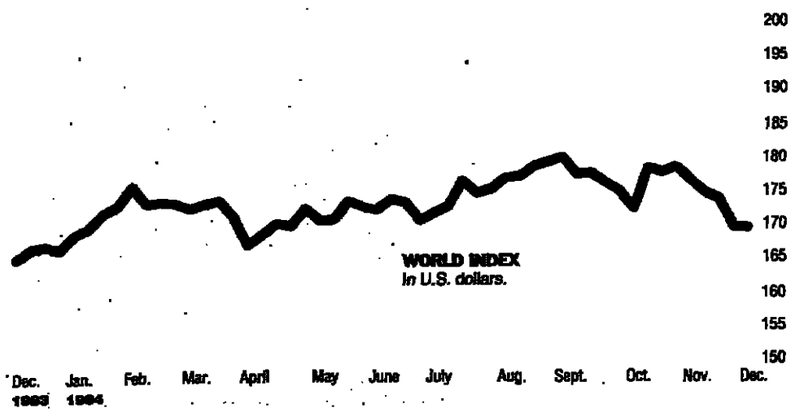
PERCENTAGE GAINERS

	Last	Chg.	Pct.
IncytePhm n	13 1/8	+ 3 1/4	32.9
WrelssTel	12 1/4	+ 2 3/16	21.7
UnqMob	6	+ 1	20.0
Unifix f	6	+ 7/8	17.1
GnMicr	8 1/4	+ 1 1/8	15.8

PERCENTAGE LOSERS

	Last	Chg.	Pct.
CatalLt	7	− 1 3/4	20.0
NAVac	9 1/4	− 2 1/8	18.7
SalmHKCl wt	4 3/8	− 7/8	16.7
HIShrTch n	9 1/4	− 1 3/4	15.9
SBMInd	12 3/8	− 1 7/8	13.2

World Stock Markets



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Country	Index	Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.	YTD Rank	Dividend Yield	Index	YTD % Chg.	Exchange Rate to $	YTD % Chg.
Australia	167.54	−0.0	10	0.4	11	3.97	144.78	−11.5	1.2992	13.4
Austria	177.05	−0.6	12	−4.3	19	1.12	145.44	−12.7	11.1245	9.6
Belgium	167.60	0.3	7	3.0	10	4.12	134.16	−7.5	32.46	11.4
Britain	191.17	−0.9	15	−6.8	21	4.25	181.71	−11.6	0.6411	5.4
Canada	128.35	0.6	4	−5.5	20	2.69	127.54	−2.0	1.3723	−3.5
Denmark	242.97	−1.7	21	−1.7	14	1.46	203.81	−10.8	6.1675	10.2
Finland	179.70	−0.9	16	45.9	1	0.76	184.40	23.2	4.8895	18.4
France	168.68	0.5	6	−4.1	18	2.99	143.24	−12.1	5.4134	9.1
Germany	136.86	−1.6	20	−2.4	17	1.84	112.26	−11.3	1.5778	10.1
Hong Kong	327.43	−5.7	24	−33.1	24	3.81	325.29	−33.0	7.738	−0.1
Ireland	198.33	−0.5	11	7.1	7	3.50	182.04	−1.7	0.6514	8.9
Italy	74.46	1.5	3	8.6	6	1.75	90.03	2.7	1618.85	5.8
Japan	151.99	0.6	5	16.8	4	0.80	96.46	5.1	100.4	11.2
Malaysia	479.07	−4.0	23	−19.0	23	1.86	472.03	−23.1	2.5583	5.3
Mexico	2076.97	2.3	2	−13.0	22	1.31	7806.06	−3.7	3.4375	−9.6
Netherlands	209.94	0.2	8	5.4	8	3.41	169.19	−4.1	1.7657	10.0
New Zealand	71.32	−1.2	17	5.0	9	4.87	60.09	−6.8	1.5865	12.7
Norway	202.94	4.3	1	13.0	5	1.75	189.02	3.1	6.882	9.6
Singapore	358.98	−3.3	22	−2.3	15	1.76	243.46	−10.7	1.4717	9.3
South Africa	325.48	−0.8	14	21.8	2	2.24	292.42	16.7	4.1105	4.4
Spain	139.64	−1.3	19	0.2	12	4.10	139.27	−7.7	131.645	8.6
Sweden	231.50	−1.3	18	17.9	3	1.55	257.97	6.5	7.5273	10.7
Switzerland	159.09	−0.7	13	−0.7	13	1.86	131.23	−11.0	1.3305	11.6
United States	185.42	0.1	9	−2.4	16	2.96	185.42	−2.4		
COMPOSITE INDEXES										
Europe	166.48	−0.6		−1.8		3.13	149.88	−9.2		
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World	170.91	−0.1		1.9		2.35	144.71	−3.4		

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For Better or Worse, a New Era in World Trade

The world was watching last week as American politicians did their odd little rain dances on that endlessly discussed world trade pact. President Clinton called the old, humbled Congress back for a bittersweet farewell to deal with the issue, and after he pacified Bob Dole with some last-minute tinkering, the House and then the Senate gave their overwhelming blessings. Now this nation's main trading partners, like Japan and Europe, can act, too — they were waiting for Washington. Then what? Will the pact, as Mr. Clinton said, keep America "moving forward" to "create more high-wage jobs"? Or will it, as some critics contend, allow a global group to undercut American laws if they are seen as harmful to trade? The pact isn't perfect, said George Mitchell in *his* farewell. But "these are the only trade partners we have. We don't trade with Mars."



Marty Katz for The New York Times

Cream of Tomato It Ain't

Salsa didn't need Nafta; it started engulfing this nation's chips long before the trade walls fell. Since 1988, sales have grown 13 percent a year, making it nearly a billion-dollar craze — and making American food companies realize that bland is no longer quite as beautiful. In fact, 10 of the 15 food giants reportedly wanted to buy Pace Foods of San Antonio, the giant of salsa. And last week the prize went to that ultimate mom-and-apple-pie company, Campbell Soup. The price: a very spicy $1.1 billion. Doubters said that was awfully rich, but then again, Campbell's already got some tomatoes, peppers and onions to throw into the mix.



Source: Packaged Facts

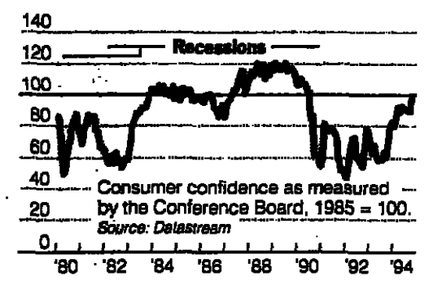
Norway Goes It Alone

Suppose you live in a nice house, have a good income, and then some unruly neighbors invite you to move in with them. Easy to resist, right? That seemed to be Norway's reasoning last week when it said "No thanks" to the European Union. Norwegians wavered a bit when Sweden and Finland hopped on the bandwagon, but in the end figured they're doing just fine being single — they've got oil, fish and a solid economy. Who needs Europe? Those who backed membership worried about the oil running out, about a 25 percent tax on fish sold, say, to Sweden. This time, though, a fierce independent streak won the day; it remains to be seen whether it gets lonely later.

Steady as Mexico Goes

Mexico got a new President last week, Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, and even before he took office, his commitment to a continuing focus on a free-market economy was clear when he named some holdovers from the previous Administration to top Cabinet posts. Among other things, Mr. Zedillo's Government will oversee the end of Teléfonos de Mexico's long-distance monopoly and the entry of competitors like AT&T.

Consumers Are Happy, Alas



Watch out: people are feeling good about the economy. So good, in fact, that the present looks far better than the future. Figures out last week showed that consumer confidence soared in November to its highest level in more than four years. And there the danger lies, for history alerts us that such optimism marks the late stages of recovery; in other words, if you're smiling now, recession may lurk. And when expectations are well below current confidence (as they are now), it follows that investors, an eye to the future, will sell stocks, sending the markets down.

'No'? That's Not an Answer



Say this for Paul Kazarian: he doesn't give up. For months he pounded on Borden's door, while Kohlberg, Kravis was already in the parlor, flowers in hand. And last week — after Borden accepted, and the S.E.C. blessed, a K.K.R. bid — Mr. Kazarian came up with a new idea. It isn't a buyout offer, he said, but "a recovery proposal": a complex deal involving a $430 million investment by Japonica, Mr. Kazarian's firm, and splitting Borden into three pieces — "unleashing the value," he said. The combined shares, he insisted, would trade for at least $17 (vs. $14.25 from K.K.R.) and hit $22 to $25 in a year — though he didn't spell out how he'd perform such a feat. If Borden shuns him again? "We would have to consider our options," he said — teeth, presumably, gritted.

Drink Up, Brazil

Apparently Americans are about as cola-saturated as they'll ever be, because the soft-drink biggies are increasingly scouring the globe for thirsty gullets. A prime target: *developing countries with populations* weighted toward the young. Pepsi, even with $3 billion in yearly revenue overseas, is still outsold abroad by Coke, nearly 3 to 1. Pepsi wants more. Last week it said it would spend $400 million through June to try to triple its share of Brazil's drinkers, a market it expects to become the world's second largest (you know who's first). Not that Coke is sitting by: it's an official sponsor of Brazil's soccer team, and is already spending $500 million in Brazil this year and next.

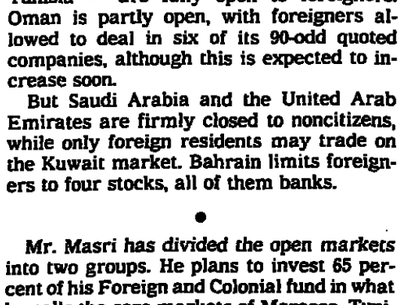
What Jobs, Exactly?

Jobs, the numbers say, are abundant. November's unemployment rate came in at 5.6 percent, a four-year low, as payrolls surged by 350,000. But what jobs? Amid talk that this strength might spur a further rate cut by the Fed, possibly by Christmas, a gloomier statistic poked through: average hourly earnings fell 2 cents. So that job bounty, one *suspects, is mainly concentrated* in dehumanizing, minimum-wage dead ends, tucked far from the gaze of chin-stroking economists. This is strength?

And the Battle Puffs On

Like a gritty slog through the trenches, the Great Smoking War is evolving into a battle of inches. Restaurants and tobacco lobbyists turned their big guns on a proposed New York antismoking bill: from full-page ads to Philip Morris's threats to leave the city. When the dust settled last week, the City *Council gave some ground — exempting* restaurants that seat up to 35 and workplaces with up to three consenting smokers — but basically stuck with a tough law. The Tobacco Institute called the bill still "severely restrictive," while a champion of the smoke-free objected, "The smaller the restaurant, the more toxic the second-hand smoke." . . . On another battlefront, antismoking groups vowed to go the F.D.A. to bar the marketing of the industry's latest idea, a low-smoke cigarette, calling it nothing but a drug-delivery device. The industry, in response, saw Prohibition reincarnate.

Those Vanishing Bank Jobs



New York banks have staged a mighty comeback since hitting bottom four years ago, but the price has been high: jobs have disappeared so fast that local banks now employ fewer people than Wall S[illegible] week saw one of the hardest blows, as Chemical said it would cut 3,700 jobs — on top of the 6,000 jobs that vanished when it merged with Manufacturers Hanover in 1992. But if Chemical hoped to get in the market's good graces, it hasn't yet. Its stock fell 87.5 cents the day of the announcement.

World Markets/Paul Lewis

The Newest Hot Spot? The Middle East

AMERICANS finally have a chance to bet on the emerging and burgeoning stock markets of the Middle East, thanks to Foreign and Colonial. In October, the London-based fund management group created the first investment fund registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and devoted to this neglected area of the world, with assistance from Nomura Securities International, Paine Webber and JW Securities.

The Foreign and Colonial Emerging Middle East Fund Inc., as it is called, is a *peanut-sized closed-end fund with a total* initial capitalization of just $42 million, only 22 percent of which is currently invested. It finished the week trading in New York at $14.125, slightly down from its initial offering price of $15 a share.

A handful of British-run Middle East investment funds are already traded in London, with more reportedly on the way. But this is the first time Americans have seen such a beast. Foreign and Colonial won't keep its exclusivity long, however. Merrill Lynch will soon launch a second S.E.C.-registered fund aiming at Middle Eastern and African emerging markets. And Alliance Capital, another New York money management firm, plans an off-shore Middle East fund not open to American investors.

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The Middle East, a region encompassing 19 countries with 319 million people, has gone relatively unnoticed by the fund managers swarming over the world's other emerging markets.

But now the Middle East offers greater political stability, new privatization programs, accelerating economic growth and, of course, Yasir Arafat's wobbly peace deal with Israel.

"Frankly, I expect the peace process to be a bumpy ride," said Omar Masri, the Lebanese-born investment manager of Foreign and Colonial. "What is impressive is the economic progress these countries are making and the performance of their stock markets. Most Middle East countries aren't affected by what happens in Israel."

So far this year, the Egyptian stock market is up 150 percent and Mr. Masri reckons the party is far from over when an estimated $25 billion worth of privatizations are expected in Egypt in the next few years. And wealthy Egyptians hold some $120 billion abroad. "Supply and demand are both there," he notes.

Tunisia's market has risen 45 percent so far this year. Markets are up 35 percent in Morocco, up 26 percent in Oman, and up 5 percent in Jordan. The region's market losers are Turkey, which has fallen 45 percent so far, and Israel, which is down 35 percent.

Other money managers and investment advisors in New York are also warming to the Middle East's markets. Kathy Lynn O'Donnell, executive vice president of Chase Global Markets, is enthusiastic about Morocco, where her firm actively deals in commercial bank debt. "It's a very attractive market," she says.

Douglas Dooley of J.P. Morgan likes a Moroccan brewery called Brasseries du Maroc and Cimenterie d'Agadir, a cement producer. He also points out that the Middle East's financial scene will become even livelier next year when war-torn Lebanon reopens its stock market. "There is still strong human capital there and a lot of offshore wealth," he said.

A major difficulty with investing in the Middle East is that while 13 countries currently have stock markets, only six — Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Turkey, Morocco and Tunisia — are fully open to foreigners. Oman is partly open, with foreigners allowed to deal in six of its 90-odd quoted companies, although this is expected to increase soon.

But Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are firmly closed to noncitizens, while only foreign residents may trade on the Kuwait market. Bahrain limits foreigners to four stocks, all of them banks.

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Mr. Masri has divided the open markets into two groups. He plans to invest 65 percent of his Foreign and Colonial fund in what he calls the core markets of Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan and Oman, reserving the remainder for Turkey and Israel, since American investors already have access to country funds specializing in these two markets.

Among the stocks he likes on Casablanca's Marché de la Criée, as the Moroccan stock market is called, is S.N.I., a recently privatized financial conglomerate. In Egypt, he would choose the Suez Cement Company, which accounts for a quarter of *market capitalization, as well as the Misr* hotel group, which has properties on the Red Sea, safely out of range of fundamentalist terrorists. In Oman, he is looking at a power plant and a flour mill.

Some day, of course, one conspicuously missing stock exchange will open up to foreigners. Three times a week, Iraqis gather in a Baghdad bank to trade shares in Iraq's private industries and banks. But until the Security Council lifts sanctions, a Keep Out sign hangs for the rest of the world's investors on the door of the Baghdad stock exchange. ■

Currency

	Last Week	Prior Week	Year Ago
Japanese Yen per Dollar	100.64	98.78	108.55
German Mark per Dollar	1.5798	1.5599	1.7200
Canadian Dollar per U.S. Dollar	1.3706	1.3754	1.3284
British Pound U.S. Dollar per British Pound	1.5610	1.5627	1.4905
Gold Republic National Bank	$376.50	$384.60	$376.50

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Mr. Pataki on the Move

The unmistakable lack of warmth behind the public display of smiles and cordiality made clear this may not be the beginning of a beautiful friendship. But Governor-elect George Pataki's meeting last week with New York City's Mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, at least ended the petty Battle of the Telephone, which began when Mr. Pataki refused to return Mr. Giuliani's congratulatory phone calls, and went churlishly downhill from there.

Their 70-minute breakfast détente, like Mr. Pataki's stated intent to spend a good deal of time in the city as Governor, is an encouraging sign that Mr. Pataki is prepared to move beyond a campaign that accentuated upstate hostility toward the city. Though he and Mr. Giuliani may never be chums, Mr. Pataki seems to mean it when he talks about "the joined-at-the-hip relationship between the success of the city and the success of the state."

Still the question of how Mr. Pataki, a State Senator previously little known beyond his Putnam County district, will choose to define himself as Governor, and whether moderate or reactionary forces will dominate in his administration, remains to be played out. Less than a month has passed since the earthquake of an election that catapulted him into one of the most important and visible political jobs in the nation — time enough for some early impressions, but no firm conclusions.

The panel Mr. Pataki appointed to advise him on his budget plan is, unsurprisingly, conservative. But he sent a message of inclusiveness by naming a number of leading Democrats, and Republicans from differing party factions, to his larger transition advisory panel. Offsetting this was the appointment of Joseph Mondello, the Long Island Republican chairman and close ally of Senator Alfonse D'Amato, to head the transition team. That does nothing to dispel lingering worries that Mr. D'Amato will be calling some of the shots.

Mr. D'Amato was not too busy preparing for his new role as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee to help arrange the Thanksgiving coup that ousted Ralph Marino, the current State Senate majority leader who was a late and reluctant Pataki supporter. Mr. Pataki, who will need strong backing from the G.O.P.-led Senate, acted after Mr. Marino hedged on the Governor-elect's request to kill a costly pension bill, as well as a controversial measure opposed by Mayor Giuliani to restrict the use of state education funds. But Mr. Pataki surely could have found a more unifying successor than Senator Joseph Bruno, another D'Amato ally with an anti-choice stand on abortion and anti-New York City leanings.

By the end of last week when he visited Gov. Mario Cuomo in Albany, Mr. Pataki had begun to warn of painful cuts in state aid and that he "had ruled out nothing" to close next year's projected budget deficit of $4.5 billion to $5 billion — except a tax increase. Clearly reality is sinking in, and Mr. Pataki now understands his pledge to reduce personal income taxes by 25 percent over four years without laying off state employees or cutting schools or other local aid is not realistic.

When state governments reduce taxes or services or both, local communities are often forced to raise their own taxes. Mr. Pataki would be wise to grab the opportunity afforded by the terrible state budget numbers to rethink the size and timing of his tax cut — and to come forward with a plan that addresses New York's recurring imbalances broadly and fairly.

The Myth of 'Negative Stories'

Michael and Arianna Huffington emerged last week to explain their $28 million defeat in the California Senate race. A turning point, Representative Huffington said, was the "week or two we suffered a lot of negative publicity" as a result of the press "ganging up" on the candidate and his wife.

Mr. Huffington's critique bears closer examination. Over the past year, a kind of linguistic pollution has crept into the American political discourse. Candidates and their minders have twisted the language to define a category of "negative stories," the publication of which is inherently unfair. In fact, when candidates and political professionals talk about "negative stories," they are usually referring to journalism that gives readers information that the campaigns wish they did not have.

Take the Huffingtons' case. The week of "negative" news to which the Congressman referred began with legitimate stories exploring the relationship of his principal adviser, who was also his wife, with a decidedly irrational religious cult. Later stories explored other Huffington practices, including the employment of an illegal alien, that seemed strikingly relevant to the choice before California voters. Thus, as defined by the Huffingtons, "negative" journalism was that which punctured the veneer created by Mr. Huffington's television ads.

Republicans are not alone in identifying sound journalism as "negative." President Clinton is wont to dismiss any story that is objectively inquisitive rather than uncritically laudatory as "attack journalism." Hillary Rodham Clinton's antipathy to normal journalistic curiosity led her to use a sexist stereotype to describe the presence of reporters: "It's like your mother-in-law coming for Thanksgiving dinner."

Representative Newt Gingrich, the Republican House leader, shares the Clintons' mindset. He sees inquiries into subjects such as the financial ties between his college lecture series and his GOPAC political action fund as reflecting journalists' politics rather than their commitment to informing their readers.

Much of this is business as usual. Politicians often whine in defeat and hunker down in victory. But there has been a linguistic shift for which journalists are partly to blame. They have adopted the language and typology of scholars who believe life has gotten too hard for candidates and want to make it easier by having reporters pull their punches. Thus we find both Clinton advocates and Mr. Gingrich — and some reporters who should know better — quoting the Center for Media and Public Affairs, which counts "positive" and "negative" stories on television.

"Negative," in this usage, really means a story that drives down poll ratings. "Positive" seems to mean one that goes along with the informational facade being put forward by the candidate or government. The center, for example, found that Mr. Clinton, in his first six months in office, was the subject of 13 percent more "negative evaluations" on news shows than was President Bush in his first six months. The mindless counting, of course, ignores the reality that Mr. Bush's performance was more competent during the periods under study.

It does not hurt to restate an obvious premise of political reporting. Worrying about the negative or positive impacts of stories is the business of public relations, not journalism.

Reassuring an Insecure Europe

After the disarray over Bosnia, the national security crowd in Washington seems to be seized with the question of how to save NATO. They should instead be asking how to ease the insecurity in Eastern Europe and Russia.

To do so, they need to be clear about the wellsprings of that insecurity. The newly freed nations need political and economic reassurance, not military alliance, and a helping hand to bring them into the community of democratic nations.

The worry is that America is not up to the job, especially now that the Republicans have taken control of Congress. Some in the G.O.P., like Senator Jesse Helms, seem to regard any help to transform Eastern Europe and Russia as a waste of time and money. The hope is that leaders of broader vision like Senators Robert Dole and Richard Lugar will sense the opportunity and sustain the effort.

Offering NATO membership and security guarantees to Poles, Czechs and Hungarians is tangential to meeting their felt needs. It is also sure to alienate those who are excluded, especially Russia, where a nationalist reaction could topple Boris Yeltsin and the reformers, thereby increasing Eastern Europe's insecurity. Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev underscored that point last Thursday by holding up the start of his country's cooperation under NATO's Partnership for Peace.

Left intact, NATO can provide military insurance in case things go wrong in Russia. It can also help promote change by reaching out to ex-Warsaw Pact armies, including Russia's, promoting democratic control of the military and facilitating military conversion to peaceful pursuits. Yet NATO alone cannot meet Eastern Europe's needs. Other institutions can — if they are strengthened.

Universities, foundations and other non-governmental organizations need to sustain support for democracy and the free institutions that nurture it. Private-public partnerships can encourage everything from stocking libraries and housing military retirees to funding scientific research by former bomb-builders.

The European Union has yet to lay out a strategy for bringing the East into a European-wide market. It can move a lot more quickly than it has to lower agricultural and other trade barriers. It also can construct road and rail corridors to link the East and West and invest in projects to reverse environmental degradation. Washington also needs to be involved.

The Helsinki accords give the 53-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe a leading role in preventing ethnic conflict and protecting human rights. The C.S.C.E. can also provide political legitimacy and oversight for peacekeeping in the region. Yet Washington has looked upon the C.S.C.E. as a rival to NATO and tried to constrain it.

The thickening web of ties to the West can help reassure anxious Eastern Europeans, including Russia, that they will not be left out if they want in. At the same time, the West would be right to insist that the political and economic standards it sets for cooperation are met by countries seeking assistance and closer ties.

The new Republican majority has a chance to help transform the East. But it will not succeed if it focuses on expanding NATO and does not try to meet the East's political and economic needs — and ease its ethnic frictions.

Leo Strauss' Elitism Sought Excellence for All

To the Editor:

Brent Staples's "Undemocratic Vistas" (Editorial Notebook, Nov. 28), on the ill effects of the writings and teachings of Leo Strauss, seems to suffer from the same anti-public-spirited animus that he accused the conservative followers of Strauss of having.

As with Socrates, Strauss attracted many students, each of whom, for his own reasons, heard him say many things, some contradictory. For example, for all the elitist talk about philosophers, gentlemen and "the many," Strauss also held out the hope that democracy could become "an aristocracy which has broadened into a universal aristocracy." That could only occur if "the many" joined with the few to pursue excellence.

It is not evident that Strauss, who did question the progressivist claims of the Enlightenment, hated the America of Franklin and Jefferson. Having anticipated the danger of the Nazi regime in Germany and immigrated to the United States, Strauss seemed grateful for the protection that America gave him. But his gratitude was expressed by his concern with the direction he saw America taking.

Instead of debate, he and his ideas elicited derision. That was one of the indicators of the problem: political freedom had been replaced by social tyranny. The root of that tyranny came from the values hidden in the claims made on behalf of "value-free" social science. Strauss sought but found little solace in the traditional religious responses to the problem. In the name of justice, he found Americans pursuing paths that led to growing isolation, mutual hostility and passionate incivility.

As someone who has been professionally engaged in conflict management and promoting civility for the last 18 years, I have found Strauss' writings instructive. They have reminded me that there is a danger of mistaking unqualified compassion for humanity and of confusing revenge with justice. The question is not whether to deal with political and social problems, but to be moderate about one's expectations of the good one can do by insisting that what worked in the past will work in the future.

Perhaps Mr. Staples, and the people who found his essay satisfying, might entertain the possibility that we are all experiencing ill effects from having adopted a victim mentality.

If so, then perhaps he would admit that the passion for justice should be moderated by an emphasis on and pursuit of friendship in our society. The clearest model for a public-spirited friendship can be found among the elite Strauss encouraged us to emulate.

MARTIN J. PLAX
Cleveland, Nov. 30, 1994

The writer is area director for the American Jewish Committee.

I think it is interesting that Strauss is always associated with conservatism. Whereas his personal views might have placed him in the conservative camp (of his own day), his writings allow no such easy affiliation. Mr. Staples' main accusation against Strauss is that he supports tradition against the Enlightenment's support of reason. Along with this goes the claim that Strauss believes social conditions are the expression of some divine will and that therefore social problems are unsolvable and there is a "permanent" underclass.

Strauss was attracted to classical political philosophy precisely because it challenged authority and with it the idea that the good is the ancestral. While as a society we often admire Socrates for standing up to the Athenian jury, we rarely go on to examine what he stood for.

Strauss, however, went on to examine exactly that, and in so doing offended — and still offends — prevailing opinion. We might not agree with him, but such staunch supporters of the Declaration of Independence as Mr. Staples can hardly reject Strauss' value for keeping debate and therefore democracy alive.

Strauss hardly holds tradition and divine will to be superior to reason, as the most cursory reading of his writings would reveal. His quarrel with the Enlightenment rests, rather, on the fact that it laid the foundation for what became the belief that human beings are infinitely malleable and there are no such things as standards or restraint to their actions. (Incidentally, Rousseau and Nietzsche, who were critics of the Enlightenment as well as its children — rather than Hobbes and Jefferson — are more immediately responsible for this development, in Strauss' opinion.)

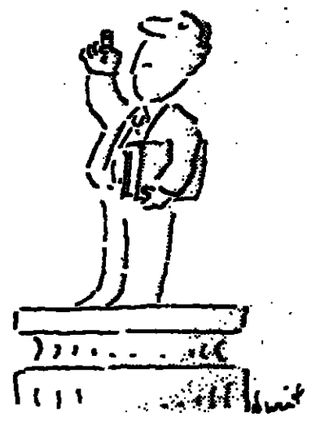
Mr. Staples is trying to use the opportunity presented by "The Bell Curve" to discredit Strauss. "The Bell Curve" presents itself as a pure work of social science. It is precisely this type of reductionist social science that Strauss found so unhelpful as we attempt to improve our democracy.

ADI KRAUSE
Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 30, 1994

Classicism Came First

To the Editor:

Having just completed a senior thesis on Leo Strauss and Hannah



Arendt at Harvard University, I would like to respond to Brent Staples' Nov. 28 Editorial Notebook, "Undemocratic Vistas." I find that he misrepresents Strauss' writings.

Writer's Death in Iran Calls for an Inquiry

To the Editor:

The announcement by the Government of Iran that the prominent writer and satirist Ali Akbar Saidi Sirjani had died of a heart attack in detention ("Leading Dissident Writer in Iran Dies After 8 Months in Detention," news article, Nov. 28) requires further clarification.

As soon as Mr. Saidi Sirjani was arrested on March 14, PEN began sending letters to the authorities in Iran protesting his detention. The first response arrived on June 7 under the signature of Saeed Rajai Khorasani, Secretary of Iran's Parliamentary Human Rights Committee and the former head of the Foreign Affairs Committee. It assured PEN that Mr. Saidi Sirjani would receive a fair and public trial, open to observers from the Parliamentary Human Rights Committee and the press.

Another letter, dated July 3, claimed that Mr. Saidi Sirjani "is well, retired to a house where he is writing his memoirs." Mr. Khorasani's last letter to PEN, on Aug. 15, contended that Mr. Saidi Sirjani was in good health and that PEN's continued concern was unfounded. He attacked the sources of PEN's information, adding that PEN was "being used for political purposes by some people in Iran."

According to his family, Mr. Saidi Sirjani was in good health at the time of his arrest; the Government has refused to deliver his body to his family or to allow an independent autopsy. Until the Iranian authorities lift the shroud of secrecy around Mr. Saidi Sirjani's case, the Government's assertions that he died of natural causes will remain questionable.

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Limbaugh's Talk Isn't Environmentally Correct

To the Editor:

Frank Rich's Nov. 27 column on Rush Limbaugh's post-election commentaries misses the most important point about Mr. Limbaugh.

Although he is a major source of information for the millions who listen to him on radio, watch him on television and read his books, much of the information he delivers about one of his favorite targets, the environment, is erroneous.

Before Mr. Rich anticipates Mr. Limbaugh as statesman, he should recall Mr. Limbaugh's history of dispensing falsehoods. Most recently, his record of distortions has been documented in "The Way Things Really Are: Debunking Rush Limbaugh on the Environment," published by the Environmental Defense Fund.

Among his errors, for example, is the assertion that volcanoes emit over a thousand times the ozone-depleting chemicals that are emitted by industry — a notion soundly rejected by scientists worldwide.

Rush Limbaugh must be judged by the extent to which he gets the facts straight. Unfortunately, this is rarely the case on the environment.

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Washington, Dec. 1, 1994

Who's a Leostraussian?

To the Editor:

I graduated from the University of Chicago. Consequently, here at another university, people stop me on the street and insist that I admit to being a "Straussian" — or more diverting, a "Leostraussian." All this is perplexing to undergraduates.

I never encountered Prof. Leo Strauss and never considered myself a member of such a cult. I am, however, increasingly amused by the fact that the very name of Strauss sends many of my colleagues into near-apoplexy. They see "Leostraussians" under their beds, in the faculty parking lot and, worst of all, in the curriculum.

All this has led me to try to figure out what this is about. And if Leostraussians are so all-powerful, how can I get to be one?

I admit that at Chicago I did take a course with Allan Bloom — so I've got an inkling. Here is it: A Straussian is someone who believes that (a) great books should be read with care; (b) great writers should not always be taken literally (that is, Emerson really didn't mean it when he said he was "a transparent eyeball"), and (c) if you tell the truth you may get in trouble, an observation particularly pertinent today.

So now Brent Staples ("Undemocratic Vistas," Editorial Notebook, Nov. 28) has pointed out the threat of Straussianism. Good grief! This is getting serious! The real problem here, I suspect, is the great books part. Anything great is in trouble these days. But it's not a plot, fellas, honest. If you don't like great books, just say so — and let Strauss rest in peace.

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Norway's 'No' Vote on Europe's Union Isn't Rejection of Europe

To the Editor:

"We are Europeans" was the phrase that drew most applause when the head of the Norwegian "No" campaign announced victory in Oslo's biggest convention hall ("Vote in Norway Blocks Joining Europe's Union, front page, Nov. 29). The "no" of the people is not isolationist, not a wish to break with our internationalistic traditions.

The official statements may not fully reflect the motives of the Norwegian people. Many have noted that Norway could afford to stand outside the European Union. They may be unaware of how strongly Norwegians scrutinized the E.U. with regard to efficiency, employment, the environment and resource management. The main argument, however, was against handing over the power of the Storting, our Parliament, to Brussels, and to the Cabinet, which would represent Norway in Brussels without proper control. This looked unattractive to Norwegians.

Under Norwegian law, everyone has access to all official documents; the public is entitled to read the Prime Minister's mail (except for military, some foreign policy and any personal matters). New legislation is prepared in a most transparent way. A legislative commission's mandate and composition are public from the start. All main interested parties will be represented on the committee. This public access is a legal right for everyone, not (as in Brussels) favors for a chosen few.

Norway will remain as committed to European and global cooperation as before. This also goes for the wide range of grass-roots movements that said no to the union, including a broad coalition of workers, peasants and fishermen, anti-racists, environmentalists, women and peace and antinuclear activists.

They endured against overwhelming pressure from all major papers, the national television, business and employers, the unions' central leadership and — above all — a Government doing its utmost to win by elaborate scheming and abuse of force. Its final trick was a domino sequence of Nordic referendums, with Norway last, which in the end almost succeeded in outwitting the voters opposed to E.U. membership.

The Nordic countries have a tradition of broad cooperation at all levels, indeed a good model for increased E.U. and other integration and cooperation. On behalf of the Norwegian peace movement, I stated in a meeting in Brussels in October that regardless of the outcome the movement would continue to participate in the nongovernmental network on E.U. foreign and military policy. I believe that is the general attitude among our victorious voters.

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By Stanley Hoffmann

Ethiopia, Munich and now Bosnia.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. Those of us who grew up in the 1930's and were later told about the lessons of Munich believed that the appeasement of aggression would not be repeated. We were wrong.

The way the so-called international community has dealt with Bosnia reproduces the League of Nations' handling of the Italian invasion of Ethiopia in 1935 and 1936 and, in a somewhat different respect, the British-French treatment of the Czech crisis of 1938.

When Italy invaded Ethiopia, the League imposed economic sanctions on the aggressor, but at the same time the British and French tried to negotiate a settlement with Mussolini. The sanctions, limited to certain products, were too mild to hurt Italy. The British-French plan conceded two-thirds of Ethiopia to Mussolini, but public opinion in England killed it, and Mussolini went on to conquer all of Ethiopia.

The international community made the mistake of simultaneously pursuing two incompatible policies — collective security against aggression, and a negotiated compromise between parties that were treated as morally equivalent. The hope of reaching a compromise kept the resort to collective security more symbolic than real. Aggression prevailed.

The same thing has happened in Bosnia. The United Nations' resort to international mediation has resulted in a succession of plans, each leaving more and more of Bosnia to the Serbs without satisfying them.

The U.N. has also resorted mainly to symbolic measures of support for the victims of Serbian aggression — the rather powerless International Criminal Tribunal, questionable economic sanctions, ceremonial NATO air strikes. Negotiations backed by no credible threat of armed force have turned into appeasement. And symbolic collective security that did not even allow Bosnia to exercise its "inherent right of self-defense" by lifting the arms embargo on it has turned into a fiasco.

The only new thing the U.N. has added to the Ethiopian precedent is an international force with a humanitarian mission — which, happily, has been trapped in Bosnia. The force has become a hostage to the Serbs; for the British and French, its safety has become more important than Bosnia's and a convenient pretext against any resort to more effective military measures.

The proper policy would have been to press the Serbs, by force if necessary, to stop using war and ethnic cleansing and to negotiate a fair settlement with their Muslim adversaries after a lasting cease-fire had been imposed.

During the crisis over the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia, when Hitler negotiated directly with the British (who were acting for themselves and the French), he constantly refused to take yes for an answer; he kept escalating his demands while Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain kept increasing his own concessions at the expense of the Czechs.

At Munich, where the Czechs were not even invited, Hitler obtained pretty much all he had demanded. His only "concession" was to refrain from seizing by force what the British and the French were willing to offer him.

The Clinton Administration began by condemning the Vance-Owen plan of early 1993 as a sellout of Bosnia. Now it seems ready to concede to the Bosnian Serbs both the right to confederate with Serbia — to form what would be the Greater Serbia of President Slobodan Milosevic's dreams — and the right to remain in control of all the territory they have seized by force until they obtain satisfactory constitutional arrangements from the Bosnian Government.

All of this — offered behind the backs of the Bosnian authorities — would be conceded in exchange for the Serbs' willingness to stop using force.

Britain and France have remained faithful to the sellout spirit of Munich. And the United States has preferred finally to join its obstinately appeasing allies rather than act alone and take risks to help a victim of aggression — as if appeasement entailed no risks of its own.

Are there differences between the situations? Weren't the two crises of the 1930's conflicts between states whereas Bosnia is a civil war?

Some had tried to characterize Italy's invasion of Ethiopia as a legitimate act of colonial expansion. As for Hitler's dismantling of Czechoslovakia, many chose to see in it an intervention on behalf of a German minority mistreated by the Czech majority — in other words, an intervention in the domestic affairs of Czechoslovakia based on the impeccable principle of self-determination.

This is exactly what the Communists in Belgrade, reconverted into nationalists, have claimed in order to justify their dismantling of Bosnia.

The Bosnian Serbs would never have been able to conquer 70 percent of the country without the Serbian Army's intervention in early 1992 — in other words, without Belgrade's aggression against a multinational country recognized by the European Union and the U.N.

Some argue that Bosnia should never have been recognized as an independent state in 1992 because of the uncertainty hanging over its future. But a refusal to recognize it would only have provided justification for Serbia's design of ethnic imperialism directed against the Muslims at a time when a European attempt to find a peaceful solution had been sabotaged by the Bosnian Serbs' decision to form a "republic" of their own.

The relations between Serbia and the Bosnian Serbs faithfully reproduce the relations between Nazi Germany and the Sudetenland. The only real difference is that President Milosevic does not have Hitler's power and global ambitions.

But can we be sure that Serbia's nationalists will be satisfied? A victorious Serbia could spread violence to Kosovo or to Macedonia or Albania. There is still the danger of a major international crisis in the Balkans, provoking a showdown between Russia and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, a split between the Western powers and Greece, and increasing tensions between Western Europe and the U.S.

As at the time of Munich, the great powers have chosen "peace" at the expense of honor. They have not even obtained peace yet and may get much more war. The dishonor they have already earned. □

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Journal

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Panic on Broadway

When "Angels in America" closes at today's matinee, it will be the most resounding final curtain in the history of the Broadway theater. In its wake, not a single new American drama will be running on Broadway.

Yet this tragedy may soon give way to a new, white-knuckle melodrama gathering steam in the wings. Much has happened, much of it behind the scenes, in the six weeks since Neil Simon made his epochal decision to take his next play Off Broadway rather than risk Broadway's punitive economics. Panicked investors have fled some of the season's few remaining productions; the once-monolithic Broadway Establishment is cracking. As power shifts, so does the likelihood of a gory management-labor showdown that could finally start Broadway's revival — or plunge Times Square into darkness by next year's tourist season — or both.

Some of the après-Simon fallout is visible. The Tony administrators, belatedly embarrassed that the theater's biggest names are excluded from their Broadway-only awards, suddenly talked of creating a special Off Broadway Tony. At "Les Misérables" and "Miss Saigon," the producer Cameron Mackintosh conducted an unprecedented "winter sale," selling the best $65 seats for slow performances in January and February for $30 and driving other musicals to follow suit.

Not all these developments are earth-shaking. A single Off Broadway Tony is appropriately derided by Peter Stone, the Dramatists Guild president, as "a second-class award" and "a slur," since Off Broadway artists could still not compete equally with their Broadway peers in the regular categories; in an informal Guild discussion on Thursday, playwrights from Edward Albee to Donald Margulies unanimously dismissed the idea.

By contrast, the Mackintosh winter sale was a revelation. The tickets sold quickly, reaffirming the public's resistance to regular Broadway prices. More intriguing, credit-card receipts showed an unexpectedly high number of sales to suburban New Yorkers — the group that has most conspicuously abandoned Broadway in recent years. Why? Perhaps because this is the first Broadway discounting scheme that required neither an inconvenient coupon nor a wait at the half-price booth — and that included the best seats. The unanswered question: Might the same audience return to Broadway for plays as well as musicals?

No one will know until prices come down for keeps, but they can't come down unless the price of producing Broadway shows falls first. It's this vicious cycle — astronomical production expenses and the costly tickets needed to pay for them — that has both killed the Broadway play and driven away its audience.

Though star salaries and advertising rates are part of those expenses, the single heftiest factor is contracts that require producers to employ a number of backstage workers who do little work and musicians who do none. Why have producers repeatedly capitulated to such contracts? Largely because they've been held hostage. For decades, Broadway theater owners, who remain in place as producers come and go, have dominated the negotiations with the unions — and given away the store. They'd rather surrender to union demands than take a strike and lose their guaranteed rental income. Producers and theatergoers, meanwhile, have been stuck with the bill.

Winter sale. Summer strike?

But faced with Broadway's collapse, the street's most powerful producers, who collectively represent most of its remaining musical hits, have at last pooled their clout and staged an insurrection. After a series of meetings, Michael David (co-producer of "Guys and Dolls" and "Tommy"), Alan Wasser (of Cameron Mackintosh Inc.), Edgar Dobie (of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Company) and Emanuel Azenberg (Neil Simon's producer) went to the theater owners and, in a bloodless coup, won their acquiescence to a new strategy for the next cycle of union negotiations, starting with the stagehands next spring. That strategy includes a willingness to take a strike if that's the only hope for Broadway's survival.

Success is hardly guaranteed and will at best come incrementally. But for the first time in decades, Broadway seems poised to throw away the script that has brought it to the edge of doom. □

In America

BOB HERBERT

The 'Elegant' Handgun

The advertising copy proclaimed that the items, manufactured especially for women, "manage to be elegant without sacrificing any of their practicality."

There was no reference in the copy to the bloody scenes of horror that inevitably follow the practical use of the "elegant" items. That would have been bad form. The folks at Smith & Wesson, up in Springfield, Mass., know that you have to be careful when you're selling handguns. You don't want to scare the customers.

Smith & Wesson is the leading marketer of handguns for women. The company started the trend of targeting women (pun intended) back in 1989 when it came out with its LadySmith line. "LadySmith," said Smith & Wesson, "fits your lifestyle as well as your hand." Other companies eagerly followed suit.

Gun manufacturers would have you believe they are trying to sell guns to women because they are deeply concerned about their well-being. What is interesting is that the concern is expressed most often in the form of aggressive male sex fantasies. Above all else, the firearm companies warn women about the danger of rape. That is the main theme of the advertising campaigns, which are often luridly assisted by the National Rifle Association.

"Tell them what rape is," says the cover of an N.R.A. pamphlet. "Be graphic. Be disgusting. Be obscene."

Last week the Violence Policy Center, a research foundation in Washington, released a report entitled "Female Persuasion — A Study of How the Firearms Industry Markets to Women and the Reality of Women and Guns." The report makes a strong case that the good old boys of the gun industry — those pernicious purveyors of bloodshed, mayhem and grief — don't give a rat's tail about the safety of women.

The report, noting that handgun sales had slumped dramatically in the early 1980's, said: "The firearms industry soon realized that the drop stemmed from a saturation of the primary market of white males. Gun manufacturers then did what any industry does under such circumstances: first, they redesigned their product line to resell the white-male core market; second, they worked to develop new markets, with the primary focus on women."

Selling firearms to women.

An ad for Colt semiautomatic pistols showed a mother tenderly tucking her young daughter into bed. The girl is clutching a Raggedy Ann doll. "Self-protection," said the ad, "is more than your right ... it's your responsibility." The ad was reprinted in a firearms industry trade journal, where no attempt was made to mask the cynicism. "You might think this ad is about handguns," said the trade journal headline. "It's about doubling your business."

The problem for women is the same as the problem for virtually everyone else — the deadly risks of handgun ownership far outweigh the benefits. Like men, women rarely use guns to protect themselves against criminals. The Violence Policy Center reported that "in 1992, for every one time a woman used a handgun to kill a stranger in self-defense, 239 women died in handgun homicides."

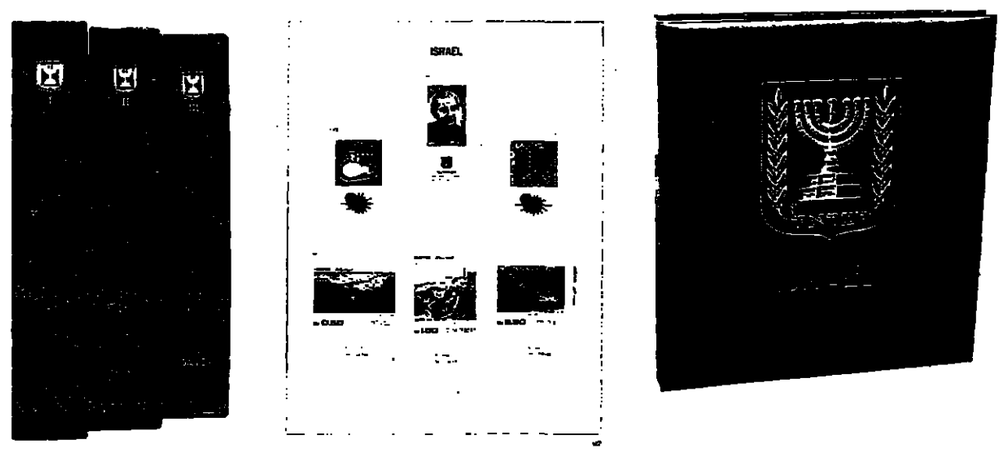
There are ironies everywhere when men whose professional lives have been devoted to eroticizing violence so that they can sell ever more killing machines suddenly find themselves trying to sell those machines to women. It's odd, for example, to hear these worshipers of unlimited firepower mangling the language of feminism as they talk about "empowering women" by giving them the "freedom to choose" among the latest and deadliest assault weapons.

At the same time the industry uses the crudest images of nude and semi-nude women to market its guns and ammunition to men. An ammunition company in Miami, for example, distributes a calendar that features, among other things, a nude model draped over a sea of shell casings.

Among the worst of the ads is a soft-porn photo of a smiling little girl, a toddler, in a bathing suit that is tugged up suggestively in the rear. The girl is holding a machine gun. The copy beneath the photo says: "Short BUTTS From FLEMING FIREARMS!!!"

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A Revolution Couched in Beautiful Melodies

By ALEX ROSS

To grasp the singular qualities of Franz Schubert's piano writing, one need look no further than the first few measures of his great Sonata in B flat (D. 960). A characteristically simple and lovely theme glides into being, touching on only a few elementary degrees of the scale. But it is all cast in octaves, doubled in the right hand and echoed in the left; this is melody with height and depth, a sound mass that hovers. (Liszt wrote octave doublings to increase the power of his thematic material; Schubert used them to broaden his music in space.) At the end of the phrase, the spell is broken: a trill rumbles low in the bass, casting an inexplicable gray shadow.

Schubert was a composer of beautiful melodies, as the legend goes. He was also something entirely different: a revolutionary who worked with blocks and layers of sound, harmonies adrift in space, jumps and breaks in musical logic, savage shifts of mood. Nowhere is his double personality more evident than in his remarkable cycle of piano sonatas. They show the composer at his most complex, most wayward, most searching; they are the blueprints of a new musical order he did not live to build.

The sonatas have been slow to enter the mainstream repertory. According to persistent rumor, they are long-winded, eccentrically constructed, awkward for the fingers, unpianistic (sin of all sins). But modern pianists have increasingly taken them to heart. Andras Schiff, Michel Dalberto and Paul Badura-Skoda are nearing the end of complete recorded cycles; Radu Lupu, Richard Goode and Ralf Gothoni, among others, have been working through the sonatas at a more leisurely pace, and scattered live recordings of Sviatoslav Richter have provided lightning illuminations.

With new disks arriving seemingly every day, space does not permit a sonata-by-sonata survey. It is more sensible to pick out a few representative works — not necessarily the most famous — and compare the efforts of two or three pianists in each. The test cases here are the sonatas in A minor (D. 784), G (D. 894), C minor (D. 958) and, of course, B flat. Schubert interpretation, it turns out, is still a hazardous business; the composer is being taken more seriously than ever before, but his music has a way of eluding the best-laid plans.

The Sonata in A minor of 1823, the second of Schubert's three sonatas in that key, is the first formidable blast of his "new" style of piano writing. Nothing like the opening had been heard in music: spare octaves in empty space, tracing a nonmelodic arch of sound. The world of Bruckner and Mahler does not seem far off; it is perhaps no coincidence that Mahler played this sonata in his early student recitals.

The A-minor Sonata appears in the second volume of Mr. Schiff's Schubert series for London (440 305-2; CD), which follows in the wake of the pianist's survey of the complete sonatas at the 92d Street Y two seasons ago. Mr. Schiff is a pianist of unerring taste, producing consistently beautiful tone and shaping phrases with magisterial grace. But he tends to overlook Schubert's darker regions. He softens the abrupt fortissimo exclamations of the second-theme group in the first movement, for example, undercutting the score's carefully calculated surprises.

A more probing interpretation is offered by Mr. Dalberto, whose cycle of Schubert sonatas and other piano music has reached its eighth installment. His A-minor Sonata (Denon 75757; CD) moves at a deliberate, funereal tempo, and dynamic extremes are observed unflinchingly. But the reading doesn't quite hang together; it realizes the expressive potential neglected by Mr. Schiff, but breaks the musical flow in the process. In general, Mr. Dalberto's cycle falls on one end of this trade-off, Mr. Schiff's on the other.

The Sonata in G, from 1826, often inauthentically subtitled "Fantasie-Sonate," looks forward to the Olympian expanses of the B-flat Sonata, and the pianist must maintain a sense of purpose as its wondrous sonic images unfold. This score plays directly into Mr. Schiff's hands; his elegant, restrained version (London 440 307-2; CD) is one of the highlights of his cycle so far, even though it doesn't reach the level of Mr. Lupu's magical recording from the 1970's. (One caveat about the Schiff series: the sound is curiously muted and constricted. London obtained a much warmer ambiance for Mr. Schiff's marvelous reading of "Winterreise" with Peter Schreier.)

Mr. Dalberto does not fare as well; his G-major Sonata (Denon 76865; CD) remains disjoint and earthbound. A new recording by Mr. Badura-Skoda, made on an 1825 Graf fortepiano (Arcana A 16; CD), displays impeccable musicianship, but the hard tone quality of the instrument undercuts the work's atmosphere. ("Schubert's piano music has luckily not yet been discovered by specialists playing copies of Graf fortepianos," Mr. Schiff writes wishfully in the program note to his own series.) A Denon disk by the oddball Russian pianist Valery Afanassiev (75446; CD) offers the opposite extreme: all atmosphere, clouds of sound drifting about. At his best, which comes only every so often, Mr. Afanassiev approaches the trancelike atmosphere of Mr. Richter's Schubert performances.

In his last three sonatas, all written in the summer of 1828, Schubert casts the innovations of his middle period on the widest possible scale. The C-minor Sonata, with its fierce developmental urge and wild harmonic digressions, is the most adventurous of the whole cycle. In his latest London recording (440 308-2; CD), Mr. Schiff finds surprisingly little in the way of either drama or poetry. By contrast, an older recording by Alfred Brendel, re-released as part of a budget set of the late sonatas on Philips (438 703-2; two CD's), finds a thrilling tone of hysteria in the first and last movements, and the majestic Adagio is given room to breathe.

In the exalted realm of the B-flat Sonata, the major news is a new recording by Mr. Lupu, ending a 15-year hiatus in his Schubert cycle (London 440 295-2; CD). The Romanian Mr. Lupu is a born Schubertian; he possesses a preternaturally lustrous tone, especially in pianissimo passages, yet he is not afraid to cut himself short with abrupt accents and sharp rhythmic definition. His long-awaited version of the B-flat Sonata is, however, initially puzzling. The first movement moves rather briskly, with a concern for delicacy and clarity overriding other considerations. Classic recordings by Artur Schnabel, Clifford Curzon and Wilhelm Kempff all give a much richer perspective on this movement's multiple worlds of expression.

As it happens, the interpretation centers not on the first movement but on the second, where Mr. Lupu's narcotic tone and natural pacing make one believe that the music could not be played any other way. His aim may have been to give greater balance to the work as a whole; for once, the final two movements do not sound like afterthoughts. (Many of Mr. Lupu's virtues are echoed in a new recording of the B-flat Sonata by the very young Japanese pianist Kyoko Tabe, Denon 78905; CD. The interpretation is overdeliberate and undifferentiated, but Ms. Tabe is a major Schubertian in the making.)

The legendary Mr. Richter, whose live recordings are circulated with a cultish avidity usually reserved for performers long dead, takes an entirely different approach to this sonata. Mr. Lupu, like many pianists before him, mutes some of Schubert's more extreme dynamic indications: the violent sforzando-fortissimo trill that leads into the first-movement repeat, for example, or conversely, the triple-piano marking for the magical re-entry of the opening theme, high in the treble, at the end of the development. Mr. Richter plays these passages exactly as written, and the sonata's impact deepens.



"Franz Schubert Evening in a Vienna Freeman House," a painting by Julius Schmid, circa 1900

The Beatles Meet The Bootleggers Head On

By ALLAN KOZINN

American Beatles fans thought they were in clover back in the 1960's when new albums and singles were pumped out every few months and films, tours and appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show" kept the Fab Four in view. But by 1970, when the band split up and its legacy was undergoing serious examination, it became clear that America had seen only part of the picture. Imported records showed that the early American albums were truncated distortions of the British originals. And bootleg recordings of British radio shows brought even hotter news.

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These pirated disks revealed that while Americans were hanging by their radios awaiting the hits, British listeners regularly heard the Beatles performing live on the BBC. Between 1962 and 1965, the band played 88 songs on British radio, most in multiple versions for a total of more than 280 performances. Included were 36 songs the group never recorded for its record label, EMI. It is no exaggeration to say that these radio recordings add significantly to our knowledge of what made the Beatles tick: even the familiar songs were played in arrangements that were harder-edged than the fussed-over studio versions.

So the first commercial release of this material — the new "Live at the BBC" set (EMI/Capitol 7243 8 31796 2; two CD's, cassettes and LP's) — should be a bona fide big deal. But anyone who knows these recordings, either from their abundant representation on bootlegs or from the BBC radio specials that have been broadcast annually since 1982, will find this collection more flawed than satisfying.

What's wrong? To begin with, the set offers only 56 of the 88 songs, and only 30 of the 36 non-EMI items. Among the missing rarities are a rocked-up version of "Beautiful Dreamer" and a goofy but topical "Lend Me Your Comb." Also glaringly absent are radio renderings of several hits and favorites, including "Please Please Me," "She Loves You," "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "Twist and Shout." EMI apparently believes that only fanatics could want it all. Still, a third disk — hardly unheard of for this kind of release — would have allowed the inclusion of one version of every song the band played on the BBC.

More disconcerting than the set's incompleteness is its presentation. In the brief period these recordings cover, the Beatles evolved from a high-energy, provincial dance band into polished performers and sophisticated songwriters. Their BBC performances charted that development just as their commercial recordings did, but one would never guess that from this resolutely nonchronological hodge-podge, which makes it as far as the 1965 hit "Ticket to Ride" before backsliding toward "Love Me Do," the Beatles' primitive 1962 debut single, an odd finale for this collection.

Dedicated fans may find a new collection of BBC recordings more flawed than satisfying.

Not that the set is a total washout. EMI has refurbished these recordings, many of which come from bootlegs or off-the-air tapes, and although a few tracks have the slightly hollow sound that digital noise-reduction processes sometimes yield, most sound far better than anything previously bootlegged or broadcast.

There are some fabulous performances here. Included are "I'll Be on My Way," a Lennon-McCartney song the Beatles never recorded for EMI and a magnificent cover of Arthur Alexander's "Soldier of Love." Among the familiar songs are a gorgeously supple version of "Baby It's You" and hard-rocking takes of "I Saw Her Standing There," "I Wanna Be Your Man," "Thank You Girl" and "Long Tall Sally" that blow away the studio versions by every measure except sound quality.

Paul McCartney's horizons as both a rock screamer (in Little Richard's "Lucille" and "Clarabella" and "Ooh! My Soul") and as a crooner (in Mikis Theodorakis's "Honeymoon Song") are expanded. Other non-EMI tracks clarify John Lennon's penchant for rhythm-and-blues and George Harrison's preference for rockabilly. Ringo Starr's energetic drumming shows that he was no cipher.

The collection also has an attractive booklet with an essay by Derek Taylor, the band's pal and one-time publicity officer, and detailed annotations by Kevin Howlett, a BBC producer and the author of "The Beatles at the Beeb," a study of the group's radio life. Yet here too there is obfuscation.

In a rare example of BBC fudging, the solo from the EMI version of "A Hard Day's Night" — Mr. Harrison on 12-string guitar with the group's producer, George Martin, doubling on piano — was edited into the BBC performance. Collectors have long assumed that Mr. Harrison was unable to play it properly that day, although he later performed it in concert. Don't expect clarification here: Mr. Howlett matter of factly refers to the edited piece as Mr. Martin's piano solo.

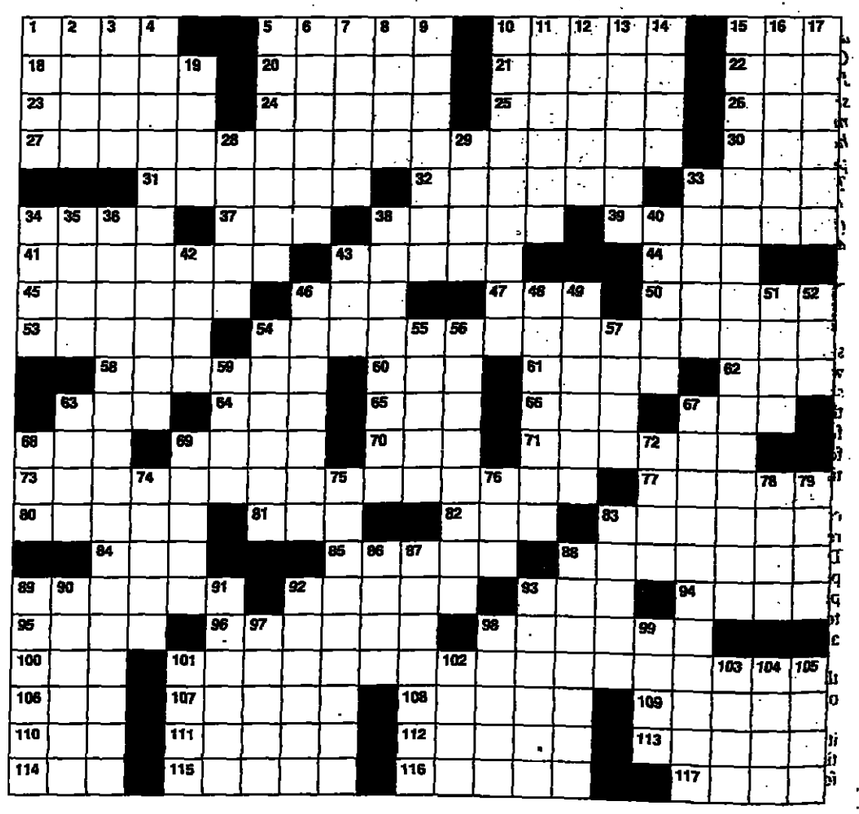
But "Live at the BBC" cannot compare to "The Complete BBC Sessions" (Great Dane 9326/9; nine CD's), a boxed set recently released in Italy, where copyright protection for broadcast lasts only 20 years. The lavishly annotated Great Dane box includes 239 performances and a few outtakes that were not broadcast. All 36 non-EMI tracks are there. And the shows, with their between-songs banter largely intact, are presented chronologically. The set's quality varies, but some tracks ("I'll Be on My Way" and "Johnny B. Goode," for example) sound better than on "Live at the BBC."

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In truth, the faults of "Live at the BBC" cannot be laid entirely at EMI's door. With typical bureaucratic thoroughness, the BBC saved all the paper work for the Beatles' appearances but discarded most of the recordings. In recent years, tapes taken home by producers and transcription disks from the libraries of BBC outposts have turned up for some shows, but others survive only on poor-quality tapes recorded off the air. For EMI and the BBC, a minimum sonic standard was deemed more important than a tape's historical interest, so certain performances that posed no problem for Great Dane were out of bounds for EMI. An example is the group's very first BBC radio performance, recorded on March 7, 1962, five months before Mr. Starr replaced Pete Best on drums.

FULL MARKS

By Robert H. Wolfe / Edited by Will Shortz



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20 Neighbor of Taurus
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22 Thoughtful *interjection*
23 Baseball's Little *Colonel*
24 Kind of bar
25 Narrow furrow
26 W.W. II org.
27 "—— that this too too solid flesh would melt"
30 Paul Scott novels *"The —— Quartet"*
31 Staffs anew
32 *Met tenor, 1941-66*
33 Allied victory site, 7/18/44
34 Dotted, as a coat of *arms*
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39 —— torte
41 Player for the angels?
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44 *Old college, e.g.*
45 *Syrian chief* and namesakes
46 —— favor
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9 Spy
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19 Bosox pitcher Aaron
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55 *1949 Doris Day hit*
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74 Oil can, maybe
75 Fascinations
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78 Soviet *scientist* Kurchatov
79 Gambling haven
83 Actor Jon
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91 Gaped
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Attorney for Carlos understands terrorists

SCOTT KRAFT
PARIS

ONCE every few weeks, Carlos the Jackal is brought from prison to the office of France's top terrorist investigator for questioning. It's always a game.

Carlos chatters aimlessly, tries to make his interrogator laugh, asks impertinent questions and answers none himself.

But the most controversial – some say most dangerous – man in the room isn't the notorious international terrorist but rather his lawyer, Jacques Verges.

The attorney, expressionless behind wire-rimmed glasses, doesn't move and rarely utters a word.

"He is a terrorist, no better than Carlos," said a high French official, who is always present during the sessions. "You can try to manipulate him, but Verges is very dangerous."

Indeed, 69-year-old Jacques Verges is one of the most mysterious, but also most feared and even detested, lawyers in France, if not the world.

Often called "the Devil's advocate," he wears the title proudly. His cast of clients has included the "Butcher of Lyon," Klaus Barbie, as well as African dictators, Algerian revolutionaries, crooked French policemen and Palestinian terrorists.

The short, stocky lawyer with slicked-back black hair has represented, with what some consider to be unseemly delight, some of this country's most unsavory characters.

In nearly four decades of legal practice, he has seen 150 of his clients sentenced to death – though, he hastens to point out, not one has been executed.

Of course, France no longer has a death penalty.

"A man is never all black or all white," Verges said, defending his decision to represent such notorious figures. "In the heart of the worst criminal there is always a secret garden. And in the heart of the most honest man, a nest of the most terrible reptiles."

Now Verges has a new case and a new public platform. Carlos the Jackal, the 45-year-old Venezuelan whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, was arrested in Sudan in August and brought to France, amid great fanfare, to face terrorism charges covering nearly 20 years.

When Carlos first appeared in court in Paris, he appointed Verges as his attorney because, he told the judge, "he's a bigger terrorist than I am."

"What is he referring to?" the judge asked Verges.

"Your honor, I think he may be referring to my ideas," the attorney replied.

Later, Verges told a reporter: "Carlos is an extremely courteous man. I think it was a tribute to the fact that the battle of ideas is as dangerous – no, not as dangerous, but as important – as that of bombs."

CARLOS SEALED his international reputation in 1975, when he kidnapped 11 oil ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries during a meeting in Vienna and killed three guards. He took the hostages to Algeria and released them unharmed after receiving $20 million in ransom.

In France, Carlos is accused of killing two French counterintelligence agents who came to arrest him at his hideout in Paris in 1975. He also faces charges of masterminding four terrorist attacks that killed 12 people and injured dozens in France, and of assassinating the French ambassador to Lebanon, all in the early 1980s.

He was sentenced to life in prison, *in absentia*, in France in 1992, but under French law he will have to be retried. Verges argues that France has no proof of Carlos's links to terrorist bombings, although he acknowledges his client is vulnerable on the charge of killing the intelligence agents.

But it will be several years before Carlos appears in any court.

Verges is launching a stiff legal challenge to Carlos's arrest and extradition. And until that is resolved, he said, Carlos is refusing to answer investigators' questions.

Verges and Carlos have a long, murky relationship. Though Verges maintains that the two first met in August, when Carlos was brought to France, they had been in contact, at least through intermediaries, since the mid-1980s.

That was when Verges took the case of two of Carlos's top associates: his girlfriend, Magdalena Kopp, a former German Red Army Faction member, and Bruno Breguet.

During the pair's trial on weapons-possession charges, Carlos sent a letter to the French government, threatening unspecified actions unless they were released. Soon after the letter arrived, two bombs exploded in France, killing six.

Kopp and Breguet, whom Verges called "soldiers in a noble cause," were convicted of terrorist acts in 1983 and sent to prison, where Kopp knitted sweaters for Verges. When Kopp was freed two years later, she and Carlos were married.

BUT VERGES is the figure in the Carlos affair who most fascinates the French. What shocks them is that he seems to like his clients and even admire them.

Verges describes Carlos, for example, as "a man of taste ... who feels at home in a dinner jacket" and for whom "I have nothing but respect."

Without doubt, Verges enjoys his reputation as a villain. He titled the first volume of his recollections *The Shining Bastard*. And he revels in the non-honorifics that the press bestows: the daily newspaper *Liberation* recently called him "a classic literary figure of treachery."

Verges says he selects cases primarily for their social and historical importance.

"I defended Mr. Barbie even though I once fought Nazism, because I think the occupation of France, and the French collaboration, has many consequences, even today," he said.

But, he added, "I also accept cases that are not in the news, those that represent crimes of passion, because they also ask fundamental questions about mankind. It is my novelist reflex."

But what makes Verges so controversial is his energetic advocacy for those clients whose goal is to undermine Western society.

"Of course, a lawyer must keep a certain distance from his cases," Verges said. "But he also must be passionate. You can't be a good lawyer without being passionate."

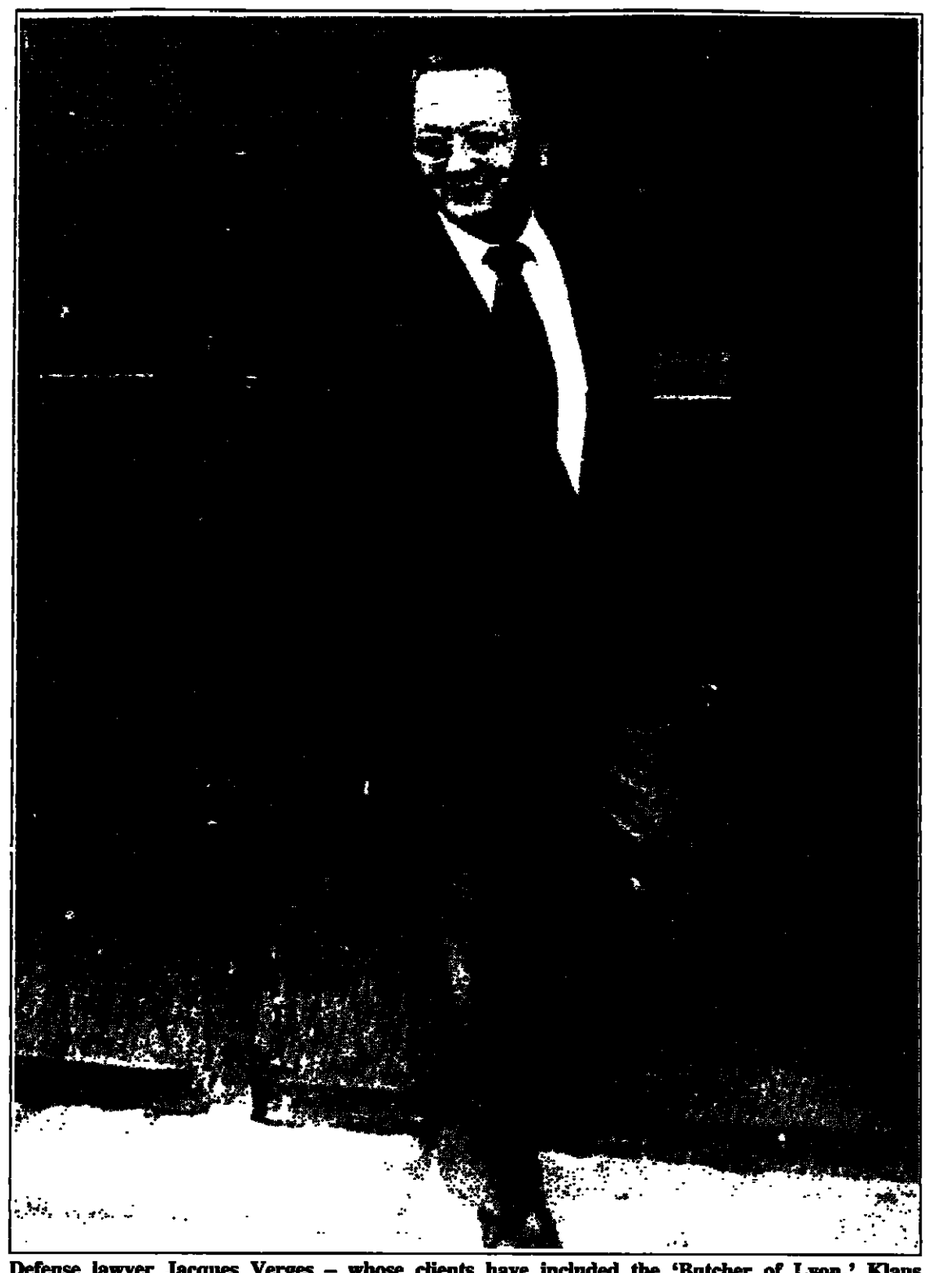
That passion has led to what Verges calls his "rupture defense," reserved primarily for terrorists. The central precept of that strategy is to ignore the facts of the case and instead challenge the authority of the court.

In the process, he says, he finds "the secret garden" in his clients and exploits it, becoming, in effect, a publicity man for his client. Even if he doesn't win many cases – and he doesn't – Verges considers it a victory if he can give his client's political views a platform.

"As an attorney, you have to understand the client's reasons," Verges said. "A terrorist doesn't just plant bombs; he plants questions for society."

And Verges has deep respect for people committed to political causes.

"The person from an upper-middle-class family, who could have become a lawyer or a journalist but instead decides to run in the streets, kill and risk being killed for a cause, poses a question to society," he said. "You can't punish him without understanding the problem. That's my job."(Los Angeles Times)



Defense lawyer Jacques Verges – whose clients have included the 'Butcher of Lyon,' Klaus Barbie, and many African dictators – is proud of his image as 'the Devil's advocate.' (AFP)

Deceptive advertising

EARTHLY CONCERNS
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

THE slick bath-soap commercial was broadcast on satellite television to millions of viewers. The commercial stressed that "this soap is environment-friendly," claiming it contained no phosphates and no PCBs.

Was this claim true? Yes.

But the fact is that it was no different from other soaps of its kind: they also have no phosphates or PCBs. By implication, however, the commercial tried to suggest that this soap was more acceptable to the environmentally aware than its competitors.

Over the past decade, as more and more consumers feel a concern over environmental issues, the advertising industry has started to cash in on this trend and not all are telling the whole truth. Most of them manage to steer clear of charges of false advertising, but a good many manage to distort facts to trap the buyer.

This is not a new phenomenon. Almost 100 years ago, Americans became accustomed to tins of pink salmon, the only salmon on the market. But when another salmon strain, one with white flesh, appeared in the shops, consumers rejected it. The canneries started a print-media campaign for the new product with one large statement: "This salmon doesn't turn pink in the can!" For half a century, American consumers really believed that other brands were prone to turn pink in the can.

Today we find this kind of advertising on such a range of products that the concerned consumer is hard put to decide what is really environment-friendly.

It is difficult to monitor claims of this scope. Just what is environment-friendly anyway? The absence of CFC propellants in aerosols makes the product less harmful to the environment, but it just might be that use of a different propellant is still an environmental hazard. A car with a good catalytic converter produces less pollution than a car without, but that does not mean it produces no harmful emissions.

Many countries are setting up standards for environmentally directed advertising, but even so there are serious problems to consider. In many cases, materials are strongly suspect, but scientists do not agree on the risks they pose.

Justices post a no-exit sign for Deri's lawyers at courtroom door

LAW REPORT
ASHER FELIX LANDAU

In the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice and a Court of Criminal Appeals, before Justices Dov Levin, Mishael Cheshin and Ya'acov Kedmi, in the matter of advocate Dan Avi-Yitzhak and others, petitioners and appellants, versus judges Ya'acov Tsemach, Miriam Naor, Mussia Arad and others, respondents (H.C.4689, 4696/94; Cr.A.4690, 4694/94).

UNDER section 17(a) of the Criminal Procedure Law (Consolidated Version) of 1982, "A defense counsel whom the accused has engaged shall not without the permission of the court cease to represent him for so long as the case or appeal for which he was appointed continues."

Despite the above section, counsel in the Aryeh Deri case requested leave of the Jerusalem District Court to limit their appearances to certain parts of the proceedings, their powers of attorney from their clients being also limited accordingly.

Counsel had also requested that the District Court hold sessions only three times a week.

In August, the court, by majority decision, denied both applications and decided to hear the case four times a week.

Being uncertain as to the correct procedure, counsel then petitioned the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, to reverse the District Court's ruling, and also appealed to that court, as a Court of Criminal Appeals, for the same relief.

JUSTICE KEDMI, delivering the first judgment of the court, dealt first with the procedural question raised. It was true, he said, that as a general rule there was no appeal against interim decisions in criminal proceedings save where the law specifically so provided.

However, the court had already held (in Cr.A. 658/88) that where an interim decision constituted a judicial ruling finally ending a "dispute" (lis) between the parties, an appeal would be available.

This was certainly not such a case, but only a matter of judicial administration. There was therefore no appeal. The whole issue fell within the jurisdiction of the High Court of Justice and was to be dealt with accordingly.

Counsel had submitted, Justice Kedmi continued, that section 17(a) was to be interpreted in the light of the laws of agency, the Chamber of Advocates Law of 1961, and the Basic Laws: The Freedom and Dignity of Man, and Freedom of Occupation, of 1992. If so construed, they contended, their submission would be upheld.

Counsel had argued that the purpose of the section was to prevent an advocate from discontinuing to represent his client. It did not apply where the accused had canceled the representation or where it had come to an end under the laws of agency such as where the power of attorney so provided.

Justice Kedmi rejected this submission. After a detailed analysis of the section he held that the legislative purpose was to ensure, as far as possible, a continuous and uninterrupted trial or appeal.

A criminal trial lasted from the reading of the indictment until the passing of sentence. Counsel was not permitted to cease representing the accused between these two stages without the court's leave. Moreover, this applied whether counsel was employed by the accused or appointed by the court.

The court was charged with the duty of ensuring a fair trial. One of the elements of fairness was that counsel who represented the accused at the outset would do so until the conclusion of the case.

Citing Supreme Court precedents, including Rubin's case (H.C.4974/92), he held that the doctrine of "freedom of contract" and the laws of agency did not affect the above conclusion. Section 17(a) invalidated a provision in a power of attorney which confined counsel's representation to particular stages or parts of a criminal trial without the court's leave.

Neither the accused nor counsel was entitled to rely on such a clause. It was for the court to decide, objectively and with due regard to the accused's interests, whether such a provision should be enforced. This was a demand of society which stood above the convenience of counsel.

Counsel had relied, Justice Kedmi said, on sections 53 and 54 of the Chamber of Advocates Law of 1961 and rule 13 of the Chamber of Advocates (Professional Ethics) Rules of 1986. These provisions demanded of an advocate, inter alia, to serve his client's interests "loyally and devotedly." This he could hardly do if he was compelled to appear against his wishes and those (although expressed later) of the client.

Also rejecting this submission, he stressed that section 17(a) did not compel an advocate to represent a client. What it did do, however, was to ensure that once the representation had begun it would be continuous and stable until the case ended, unless the court ruled otherwise.

Neither of the above Basic Laws cited by counsel, he continued, could come to their aid. As he had explained, section 17(a) did not compel an advocate to represent a client. Moreover, that section certainly fell within the requirement of both Laws in that it was "consistent with the values of the State of Israel" and was "intended for a suitable purpose to a degree not exceeding what is necessary."

It was not disputed that had the court agreed to three sessions a week instead of four, counsel would not have asked to be released. However, after weighing all counsels' submissions, he could not hold that the court's decision was unreasonable.

It was true the material was comprehensive and complicated. However, the court had delayed the trial for eight months to enable counsel to become prepared. The fact that they were ready to continue if the court agreed to three sessions a week instead of four proved that that delay had been fully exploited, for the difference was not really significant.

Justice Kedmi proposed, therefore, that the petitions be dismissed.

JUSTICE CHESHIN dissented from his colleague. He was of the opinion that the issue of the release of counsel from their task (as distinct from the number of weekly sessions) was a "dispute." The correct procedure, therefore, for attacking the District Court's decision was an appeal, and not a petition to the High Court of Justice.

He also noted that the court had already emphasized the advantages of centralizing all objections to interim decisions, both in civil and criminal proceedings, in appeals to the same court which would deal on appeal with the main dispute.

In his view, section 17(a) was to be construed as if it were the apex of a three-tiered pyramid. The base was the Agency Law of 1965, sections 1(a) and 8 of which empowered and obliged the parties to act strictly within the power of attorney granted by the principal to the agent. The relationship was purely contractual, according to the parties' complete autonomy.

The middle tier was the Chamber of Advocates Law of of 1961, which applied special rules to an advocate's power of attorney.

Sections 53 and 54, and rule 2 of the Rules of Ethics of 1986, embodied an advocate's general obligations. Under rule 14(e), "An advocate and his client may agree in writing to limit the advocate's professional service to his client to avoid a conflict of interest between his representation of another client or another matter or obligation of the advocate, provided that the limitation of the service is reasonable in the circumstances and does not impair the advocate's duty of fidelity to his clients."

The result was that both the above Laws recognized the limitations placed upon an advocate's service in his power of attorney.

In construing section 17(a), the apex of the pyramid, Justice Cheshin also cited sections 13, 17(b) and 18 of the Criminal Procedure Law (supra), and rules 13(a) and (c) of the Chamber of Advocates Ethics Rules.

Quoting many precedents, he emphasized first that Rubin's case (supra) had no relevance to the present matter, since the power of attorney there was *unlimited*, covering the whole case for which counsel had been engaged.

He then analyzed in detail the other considerations relating to the interpretation of section 17(a). The very language of the section – "the case or appeal for which he was appointed" – related to the whole case or whole appeal and not parts of them; the section had no relevance where the power of attorney was limited.

A power given for a limited purpose expired when the purpose was achieved, and the legislature did not intend to revive it. The whole basis of agency was contractual, and there was no intention to interfere with the contractual freedom of the parties.

The main purpose of the section was undoubtedly to protect the accused. However, if the accused agreed in advance to limit the advocate's authority to part of the case only, how could his interests be affected if his own agreement was enforced?

A potent example given by counsel was where an advocate, an expert in ballistics, was retained to deal only with the ballistical testimony. Was the accused obliged to continue employing him for other parts of the case?

An accused was entitled to defend himself. What possible objection could there be to his employing an advocate to handle a specific issue in the proceedings?

Justice Cheshin then examined the interests of the state, the court and defense counsel. None of these, he held, justified his colleague's interpretation of section 17(a).

Justice Cheshin proposed, therefore, that the appeals regarding counsels' right to be released be allowed.

Turning to the question of the number of weekly sessions in the case, Justice Cheshin justified the District Court's finding that counsel had created the impression, from December 1993, that they would be prepared for five sessions a week.

They were therefore prevented from relying on what they claimed to be the limitation on their powers of attorney during the period that they led the court to believe they were available for five sessions a week.

The practical course to remedy the situation, he said, was to release counsel from the representation four months after they informed the court that they were not prepared to continue their task. During those four months the case was to proceed in the ordinary course.

JUSTICE LEVIN agreed with Justice Cheshin that the correct procedure for bringing the release issue before the Supreme Court was by way of a criminal appeal.

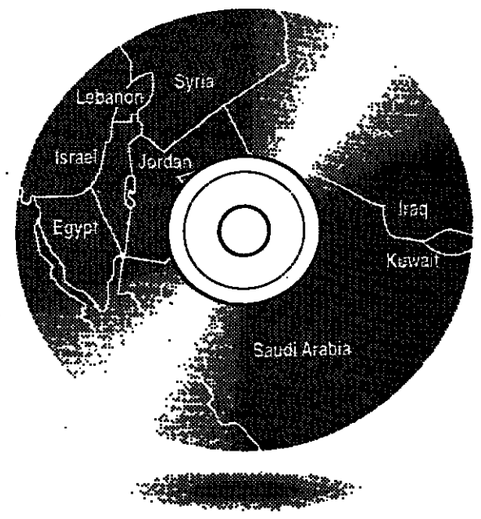
He concurred with Justice Kedmi on the question of counsels' right to be released, however, and on his ruling relating to the number of sessions.

In the result, and by majority decision, the appeals and petitions were dismissed.

The appellants Dan Avi-Yitzhak and Amnon Zichroni appeared in person with Gilad Blau; and Yehoshua Resnick, director of the criminal division of the State Attorney's Office, and Dror Hoter-Yishai appeared for some respondents.

The reasons for judgment were handed down on November 15, 1994.

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MKs agree on modification of capital gains tax bill

EVELYN GORDON

ONLY a five percent tax will be deducted at the source on Maof stocks whose owners go the route of a 20% tax with offsets, instead of the 10% deducted at the source on all other stocks, the Knesset Finance Committee decided yesterday.

Meanwhile, the High Court of Justice gave the state 30 days to explain why a section of the capital gains tax which sets the base price for calculating taxable profits at the price as of January 1, 1995, should not be declared illegal.

The committee made its decision at the request of Dror Shalit, deputy managing director of the stock exchange, who originally asked that no tax at all be deducted at the source on Maof stocks.

Shalit explained that unlike ordinary market-playing, activity on the Maof does not usually consist of just one action. Instead, investors follow a strategy of paired purchases and sales, which are aimed at cushioning risks.

However, the result of this strategy is that a profit from one transaction is usually accompanied by a loss on its corollary transaction. For every pair, tax is deducted at the source on the profitable one, but returns are made for the corresponding losses only at the end of the year.

However, Shalit explained, the returns are made without linkage or interest. Thus, because the paired transaction strategy makes overall profit margins on the Maof relatively small, the money investors lose through their forced loan to the government significantly eats into these margins, thereby greatly reducing the Maof's value.

The committee rejected Shalit's proposal to eliminate the deductions at source entirely, but agreed to reduce them to 5% for those who choose to pay a 20% tax with offsets. For those choosing the 10% tax without offsets, the full 10% will continue to be deducted at the source.

Shalit said he hoped the committee's decision would eventually lead to eliminating the deduction at source on the Maof entirely.

The High Court of Justice, meanwhile, issued its show-cause order in response to a petition by the Dovrat-Shrem company. The petition argued that setting the base price for computing profits at the price as of January 1, 1995 violated two provisions of the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom – the property-protection clause and the clause guaranteeing equality.

The petition explained that if, for instance, someone bought a stock before the end of the year for NIS 100, which was worth NIS 60 on January 1, and later sold it for NIS 80, he would be taxed on a "profit" of NIS 20, even though he really lost NIS 20.

Dovrat-Shrem argued that this system violates two of the most basic rules of fair taxation – it creates a distorted assessment of the taxed item's true value, and it will not apply to all people equally: some, including those who invest only after January 1, will be taxed only on profits, while others will be taxes on losses.

"Taxation which is not based on the real value of the taxed item ... or that is unequal and non-uniform, is not a tax at all, but a confiscation," the petition said.

The behavior of the stock exchange over the past few months, the petition added, makes it likely that many of those who invested this year will be taxed on losses.

While the Basic Law permits violation of any of its principles for an appropriate purpose, if the damage is not greater than necessary, the petition challenged Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's opinion that this section of the capital gains tax meets these requirements.

The same goal could be met with much less damage by either setting the base price at the purchase price or by giving investors the right to choose between the purchase price and the price as of January 1, the petition said.

Ben-Yair's statement that the investor can protect himself against the damage by selling this year and rebuying after January 1 is unrealistic, the petition added – not only because of the costs this entails, including fees and exchange rate losses – but because "it is easy to imagine what would happen on the market, and ... what the values of the shares would be, if everyone followed the attorney-general's suggestion and sold their shares before [January 1], or if everyone tried to buy the shares after [January 1]."

Economic activity slows

JOSE ROSENFELD

ECONOMIC activity slowed down in the past three months based on Value Added Tax (VAT) receipts, State Revenues Director Yoram Gabbai said yesterday.

VAT data confirm that the economy is expanding seven percent this year, although figures show that until August the economy was growing at an annual pace of 9%.

State revenues rose 7% to NIS 6.7 billion last month from November 1993. Since the beginning of the year, revenues have grown 12% to NIS 67.5b.

Legislative changes made during the year cut NIS 1.3b. in receipts from the tax base. Adjusting for those changes, revenues shot up 15% during the first 11 months of the year.

Gabbai expects receipts this month to total NIS 6.8b., so the government will end the year with NIS 74.3b. in tax revenues.

Income tax revenues rose 14% last month to NIS 3.8b., and 20% since the beginning of the year to NIS 37.1b. Company income taxes, taxes on wages and property taxes contributed to income tax revenue expansion. However, last month revenue growth moderated, although it was offset by a sharp 58% drop in tax refunds.

VAT and customs receipts fell 1% last month to NIS 2.8b. Since the beginning of the year, revenues rose 3% to NIS 28.9b.

This increase was achieved despite cuts in customs and purchase taxes. Excluding those cuts, receipts are up 7% since January.

Imports of cars, refrigerators, televisions and laundry washers will reach record highs this year.

Last month, 11,600 cars were imported, a jump of 26% from 1993. Similarly, refrigerator imports shot up 118%, video recorders 18% and dishwashers 1%. By contrast, laundry washer imports dropped 5% and televisions 6%.

Since the beginning of the year, there were 111,000 cars imported, a 12% increase over the same period last year. Refrigerator imports rose 54%, dishwashers 32%, video recorders 27%, laundry washers 22% and televisions 12%.

Ministry: Most vegetable prices remained unchanged in November

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

VEGETABLE prices will have a small impact on the November Consumer Price Index, according to an Agriculture Ministry comparison of prices at the start and end of the month.

The ministry's marketing division reported that most vegetable prices, with the exception of cucumbers and onions, remained virtually unchanged at the start and end of November.

Nuriel Sarim, manager of the marketing division, said tomatoes were sold for about NIS 6 per kilo, potatoes NIS 2.20, carrots NIS 2.70 and peppers NIS 3 per kilo.

Sarim said cucumber prices increased 125 percent to an average wholesale price of NIS 4.50 per kilo from NIS 2.

Onion prices went up 60% to NIS 2.60 per kilo from NIS 1.60.

In other news, the ministry said consumption of high fat cheeses and butter has gone up sharply over the last two years.

Mutual fund assets plummet 12.6%

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

MUTUAL fund assets shrank 12.6 percent in November to NIS 22.7 billion from NIS 19.83b., reflecting the funds' negative yields and large redemptions, according to the Meitav investment firm.

Meitav said fund assets fell NIS 1.36b. last month due to average negative shekel yields of 6.4%.

The drop in fund assets was also a result of large redemptions, which reached about NIS 1.51b. Meitav said assets have declined to the same level as those in February 1992.

Meitav blamed November's wave of redemptions on the public's repayment of bank credit, taken a year ago to finance mutual fund investments.

Bank Leumi funds reduced their market share by 0.2% to 34%, to the benefit of Bank Hapoalim group's share, which increased to 30.8% from 30.6%. The market share of Ilanot Discount increased to 11.8% from 11.6%.

The combined market share of the two medium-sized banks remained unchanged. First International Bank's share fell to 6.5% from 6.6%, while United Mizrahi Banks share increased to 5.3% from 5.2%.

Private brokers' share of the market increased to 12% from 11.8%.

Meitav said three months have passed since the last new mutual fund was established, reflecting the slump in the share market and implementation of the mutual fund law which has significantly increased mutual funds' managements expenses.

According to the law, mutual funds have to maintain directors and internal auditors. In addition, they have to submit regular activity reports and take part in general shareholders' meetings of companies traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

As a result, many mutual funds have increased management fees.

Advice to tour guides of Moslems: Just get them to the mosque on time

HAIM SHAPIRO

DON'T display alcoholic beverages, don't play Western music on the bus, and make sure you get to the mosque on time.

These were among the suggestions for those in the tourism industry, who are facing what is expected to be a huge wave of Moslem tourists in the near future.

"Indonesia alone has an enormous potential" for Moslem tourists to Israel, Prof. Yossi Ginat, former head of the Israeli academic institute in Cairo, told a group of over 100 tour organizers, guides, airline executives and Tourism Ministry officials at a special seminar on Moslem tourism organized by the Information Center.

Ginat said not a day passes without visits to Israel by Egyptian businessmen. Each of them, he said, makes a point of putting aside a day for a visit to the Moslem shrines on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

However, he added, it is necessary to establish a regular route of sites of interest to the Moslem visitors – such as Hebron, Ramle, Acre, and Kare Hittin, the site where Saladin decisively defeated the Crusaders.

He suggested that the concept of high season could change with a large influx of Moslem visitors, who would stop off here following the haj to Mecca.

There was also a problem of guides, with the arrival of more and more non-Arab Moslems. There were qualified guides who spoke Arabic, he said, but none who spoke Turkish, for example.

With regard to the practical advice, Ginat noted that groups coming to see the country as well as the religious sites might not object to a woman guide, but groups coming in connection with the haj would rather have a male guide.

He also noted that in Moslem circles it is considered an insult to sit on the floor pointing the sole of one's foot at someone.

As for the liquor, he noted that while many Moslems did drink alcohol, it should not be offered openly. "If they want it, they know how to get it," he said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Telematics International buys two networking subsidiaries: ECI subsidiary Telematics International has acquired two networking subsidiaries previously belonging to Harris Adacom BV, Netherlands, and Harris Adacom SA of Spain. HABV and HASA provide network design and installation to large corporations. Combined revenues for the two companies totaled some $12 million for the year. The Florida-based Telematics designs and sells a line of WAN products for voice and data communications. Telematics senior VP in charge of European Field Operations David Birss said the acquisition was meant to strengthen the company's European presence.

IDB announces appointment of new PEC Israel Economic head: IDB announced yesterday the appointment of Frank Klein as president of PEC Israel Economic Corp. Klein, from New York, will take over from Joseph Ciechanover, who is stepping down from the position at the end of the year. Klein was also appointed to the board of managers of all the Israeli companies in which PEC is invested. In the past, Klein served as deputy executive president of New York Discount Bank.

Manager appointed for planned Blockbuster Video store here: Ilan Gavon has been appointed manager of the Blockbuster Video store scheduled to open here next year. The chain plans to open stores around the country in six months. Blockbuster, which operates about 4,000 stores, is one of the world's leading video rental stores.

Isracard, Atidut pension fund reach agreement: Isracard and Atidut pension fund have reached an agreement whereby credit card holders can use Isracard to purchase pension insurance. Eli Burg, Isracard's marketing manager, said Isracard customers can join the fund until the end of the year and deposit NIS 100 per month.

Discount Bank, Israel Government Coins and Metals start scheme: Discount Bank and Israel Government Coins and Metals Corp. have started a scheme for foreign residents. Those who open a foreign currency deposit with the bank will receive an NIS 100 discount coupon to purchase one of Israel Government Coins and Metals Corp.'s products at a minimum sum of NIS 150.

United Mizrahi Bank raises rates on shekel deposits: United Mizrahi Bank announced it has raised interest rates on shekel deposits. The bank is offering a maximum monthly interest of 17.1% on its one-year Paz Bonus deposit and 17.25% on its two-year Pakam Hadash deposit. The interest is linked to the prime and limited to deposits of NIS 50,000 and more.

IEC expects 9% increase in sales for '94: Israel Electric Corporation expects sales to increase nine percent this year from last year. At the start of 1994, the company predicted sales would rise between 5% and 8%.

Manof receives $250,000 order from Czech Commercial Bank: The Czech Commercial Bank has placed a $250,000 order for Manof bank management systems.

Nechushtan Investments posts slight rise in net profits

COMPANY RESULTS

RACHEL NEIMAN

NECHUSHTAN Investments, the holding company of metal and elevator firms, has announced a slight rise in third quarter net profits to NIS 1.36 million from NIS 1.35m. for the same period last year.

Revenues fell to NIS 31.5m. from NIS 34.8m., while earnings per share went up to NIS 17.79 from NIS 17.73.

Net profits for the nine-month period skyrocketed to NIS 11.3m. from NIS 1.8m. in the previous year, the result of an NIS 8m. share issue during the first quarter.

Revenues increased to NIS 98.59m. from NIS 91.6m., while earnings per share went up to NIS 147.90 from NIS 23.65.

● **Man Foods** reported a NIS 1m. net loss for the third quarter, compared with a NIS 932,000 net loss for the same period last year.

The company's net loss for the nine-month period was NIS 2m., compared with NIS 2.98m. for the parallel period last year.

Revenues dropped to NIS 13.8m. from NIS 18.4m.

● **Castro** posted a decrease in third quarter net profits to NIS 862,000 from NIS 1.2m. for the same period last year.

Revenues increased to NIS 17.8m. from NIS 16.1m., while earnings per share fell to NIS 0.15 from NIS 0.21.

Net profits for the first three quarters fell to NIS 3.35m. from NIS 3.56m. in the parallel period last year.

Revenues went up to NIS 56.5m. from NIS 52.8m., while earnings per share fell to NIS 0.59 from NIS 0.72.

● **Cyclone Aviation Products** announced a NIS 654,000 third quarter net profit, compared with a NIS 63m. net loss for the same period last year.

Ayalon wins IAI contract providing car insurance

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

AYALON Insurance Co. has won a contract to provide car insurance for the 14,700 workers of Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI), the company announced yesterday.

The company's premiums from the contract are expected to total about NIS 50 million.

Ayalon – which competed in the tender against Eliyahu Insurance, Sela Insurance and Direct Insurance – said the contract is among the largest in the automobile insurance sector.

Ayalon is offering IAI workers a 25% discount on absence of claims, as well as free towing and rescue services using Moked Cali's services.

Meanwhile, Ayalon's life insurance division manager Yair Dangur said the company is preparing to increase its share of the life insurance market in 1995.

Dangur said Ayalon has appointed new managers and supervisors in an attempt to attract new business customers and introduce new marketing methods.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (3.12.94)

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U.S. dollar ($250,000)	5.500	5.875	6.500
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.625	5.125	5.750
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.250	4.250	4.625
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	2.875	3.125	3.500
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.875	1.125

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (2.12.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.3310	3.3780	—	—	3.3567
U.S. dollar	2.9995	3.0416	2.94	3.06	3.0250
German mark	1.9232	1.9301	1.87	1.95	1.9208
Pound sterling	4.7032	4.7685	4.60	4.82	4.7397
French franc	0.5560	0.5688	0.54	0.57	0.5601
Japanese yen (100)	3.0131	3.0555	2.95	3.09	3.0349
Dutch florin	1.7020	1.7260	1.67	1.75	1.7151
Swiss franc	2.2570	2.2888	2.21	2.32	2.2741
Swedish krona	0.3964	0.4020	0.39	0.41	0.4005
Norwegian krone	0.4379	0.4441	0.43	0.45	0.4413
Danish krone	0.4874	0.4943	0.48	0.50	0.4912
Finnish mark	0.6195	0.6223	0.60	0.63	0.6181
Canadian dollar	2.1764	2.2071	2.13	2.23	2.1958
Australian dollar	2.3003	2.3326	2.24	2.37	2.3224
S. African rand	0.8417	0.8536	0.74	0.86	0.8488
Belgian franc (10)	0.9268	0.9399	0.91	0.95	0.9340
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7044	2.7426	2.65	2.78	2.7267
Italian lira (1000)	1.8556	1.8817	1.81	1.92	1.8702
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.17	4.43	4.3106
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.85	0.91	0.9080
ECU	3.7330	3.8042	—	—	3.8886
Irish punt	4.6132	4.6763	4.51	4.79	4.6541
Spanish peseta (100)	2.2831	2.3153	2.22	2.37	2.3010

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

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Key Representative Rates

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US dollar	NIS 3.0250	--.-%
Sterling	NIS 4.7397	--.-%
Mark	NIS 1.9208	--.-%

Losses at California investment fund draw concern

SANTA ANA, Calif. – The problems at Orange County investment fund drew mounting concern and scrutiny over the weekend as investors, members of Congress, federal regulators and credit monitors assessed the full implications of a stunning $1.5 billion plunge in the value of the fund's holdings.

Four local government agencies that are among the fund's top investors said they would move to oversee the county's future financial dealings on behalf of the more than 180 cities and special districts that pool their funds for investment purposes.

A major Wall Street credit rating agency signaled that it may lower the ratings of Orange County bond issues, an action that could make it more costly for cities and agencies to borrow money.

Meantime, the federal Securities and Exchange Commission launched an inquiry into the situation, and the new chairman of the Senate Banking Committee said hearings will be held on whether there should be limits on investing public funds in the kinds of complex financial instruments that have driven down the value of Orange County's previously high-flying fund.

County treasury officials still were reeling from their explosive disclosure Thursday that risky investment maneuvers combined with sharply rising interest rates to produce losses equivalent to 20 percent of the money invested by various government agencies.

On Friday, they visited with their major bond underwriters and fielded dozens of calls from anxious investors.

"I'm not going to make any dire predictions," said County Administrative Officer Ernie Schneider, who has hired an outside investment adviser to assess the potential damages. "I think we're telling people the straight situation. We're not trying to hide it from anyone. We're just laying it out."

Although no agencies had pulled out of the fund Friday, some city officials with money in the portfolio say they now wish they had withdrawn earlier this year, when interest rates began rising and it was becoming apparent that the fund's bets were wrong.

SEC officials would not be specific about the nature of their inquiry.

National financial experts question whether investors had a clear understanding of what Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Robert Citron was doing with their money.

The four major investors in the pool said Friday they want to review the independent findings of the county's investment adviser and help plan financial strategy for the future.

On Friday, Citron pulled the blinds of his office and worked the phone in an attempt to ease the investors' fears. His second-in-command met personally with brokers in Los Angeles.

Not only is Citron – county government's only elected Democrat – struggling to save the county's financial future, but he is also trying to save his job. Some Republican leaders smell blood.

While elected officials were turning up the heat on Citron, there were few signs of panic or a massive selling frenzy by investors holding Orange County bonds issues on Friday, as the overall bond market staged a continued rally.

Prices of Orange County bonds dropped slightly on concerns that county investment losses could harm bond issues. Bond traders and managers of tax-exempt mutual funds said that virtually no Orange County bonds were offered for sale on Friday, on the expectation that no one would buy them.

After the county's announcement Thursday, large mutual funds and brokers worked to alleviate investors' fears on Friday. Merrill Lynch, which has extended $2.5b. in credit to the county for securities purchases, held a telephone conference with more than 30 holders of bonds issued by the county and its cities to assure them that the paper is solid.

Some nervous investors – who directly or through mutual funds own tax-exempt municipal bonds sold by Orange County or related agencies – flooded phone lines of large funds such as the Franklin-Templeton Group of Funds in San Mateo, California. The group offers investors a $13b. California municipal bond portfolio.

(Los Angeles Times)

2,500 new apartments planned for Acre

REAL ESTATE ROUNDUP

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

SOME 2,500 apartments will be built in Acre during the next few years following a decision to expand the area under the city's jurisdiction, Acre Deputy Mayor Yisrael Levy said yesterday.

Levy said the government plans to invest NIS 130 million in Acre during the next five years, of which NIS 88m. will be invested in development of the city's infrastructure.

Levy said new businessmen will receive discounts of up to 75 percent on property tax in the first business year, 50% in the second and 25% in the third.

Improved techniques of the **housing and construction industry** will contribute to a significant growth in output at lower prices, according to a Bank Hapoalim economic report on the housing market.

Hapoalim forecasts annual demand for new apartments to reach 45,000-55,000 in the next five years, assuming that population growth and immigration continue at the current pace.

Hapoalim said apartment prices have risen significantly during the last few years – by about 30% in real terms over the past two years and by 80% since the last low-point recorded in the fall of 1986.

The report proposes the government implement three measures to reduce the price of housing. Hapoalim claims supply of land for housing construction must be expanded by increasing the extent of construction and selling more of the land owned by the Israel Lands Administration.

The report also recommends organizational improvements to prevent bottlenecks, and the abolition or lowering of taxes that increase the cost of purchase/sale transactions. Lastly, the report proposes to reduce the risk incurred by the entrepreneur as a result of the current high level of prices and the size of the initial investment required.

"Since the development of a private market for trading in risks is slow, the state has no choice but to initially shoulder part of the risks involved," the report said.

Avraham Rubinstein, in partnership with Ofer Holdings and Granit Hacarmel Properties, plans to invest NIS 90m. in construction of the Rubinstein Towers development.

The development will be situated on a six-dunam plot in Tel Aviv, opposite the Aviv Towers development. It will consist of three towers, each of 13 floors, and include 21,000 sq.m. of office space, 2,000 sq.m. of commercial space and 24,000 sq.m. of parking space.

The Rubinstein family has a 50% share in the development, while Ofir – a member of the Bank Hapoalim group – has a 33% share and Granit owns the remaining shares.

SuperPharm plans to open its 37th branch in Strip Mall, at the Vulcan interchange in Haifa.

The chain has rented 525 sq.m. from a company jointly owned by Ashtrom, Koor, Magor, and the Ofer Brothers. Other chains already situated in the mall include Office Depot, Ace, Beitilli, and Super Caramics. McDonald's and Toys Are Us are currently in negotiations to rent space in the mall.

SuperPharm plans to open another two branches by the end of the year, the first in Tel Aviv's London Minister building and the second in Ashdod. The company plans to open another six chains in 1996.

Shahar Development has started construction of Kfar Sava Ha'tzaira, a luxury residential area on a private 13.5-dunam plot east of the city.

The development will include 120 apartments of three-, four-and-a-half, and five-and-a-half room apartments, as well as five- and six-room penthouses.

A three-room apartment will be sold for about $140,000, a four-and-a-half room apartment for about $158,000, and a five-and-a-half room apartment for about $185,000.

Canit, owned by businessman David Azrieli, yesterday received building permits to construct a 13-storey office building above the Negev Mall in Beersheba and add another 3,000 sq.m. to it.

The company plans to invest $15m. in the office building, which will include 10,000 sq.m.

Canit said it expects demand for office and commercial space in Beersheba to rise as a result of the growth in industrial activity and population in the Negev.

The company said the mall will be expanded by February 1996, while construction of the office building will be completed in June.

Residents have started to move into **Hatena House** in the Azorai Chen area, Tel Aviv's new northern residential development. The building includes 80 apartments, of four and five rooms. Apartment prices vary from $400,000 - $500,000.

Azorim, in partnership with lawyer Abe Ne'eman, are constructing the development. So far, the developers have completed 507 units of the 602 apartments to be constructed in the framework of the development.

The company reported that Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel and Labor Party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli live in the development.

NTM Properties, engaged in sale, rent, and management of property for industry and trade, announced a number of real estate transactions were recently concluded in Ramat Hahayal.

Bank Otzar Hahayal has rented 200 sq.m. in addition to store and parking space, in the Tadiran House. The bank rented the space from SGS at $26 per square meter.

Instrumetrics, the manufacturer of industrial control equipment, has rented 160 sq.m. in Arad Street from the Safran family at $13.5 per square meter.

The company signed a five-year contract. Gilat Laser Communications Systems has rented 240 sq.m. on Barzel Street for $13 per square meter and another 560 sq.m. at $8 per square meter.

US drops truck probe after GM pays $51m.

WASHINGTON (Reuter) – The US government over the weekend dropped its two-year effort to order the recall of six million pickup trucks with side-mounted fuel tanks after General Motors Corp. agreed to pay $51 million toward auto safety programs.

The $51.355m. payment was a fraction of the $1 billion that experts estimated the giant automaker would have had to have spent to recall its 1973-1987 C/K model trucks, which authorities say are prone to catch fire in side-impact crashes.

Transportation Secretary Federico Pena, who has been highly critical of GM and has linked the trucks to 150 needless deaths, acknowledged that he believes the trucks will probably cause more deaths. But he insisted that the settlement will save hundreds of other lives.

"This settlement is a common sense outcome and a victory for safety," Pena told a news conference.

"The alternatives were to proceed with a recall that would have involved years of litigation, an uncertain outcome, and prevented few, if any, deaths," he said. "Or, I could have closed the case, with no public benefit at all."

Pena said he made the "tough" decision to accept the settlement because during the ensuing five to seven years of court battles to impose the recall, the trucks would have remained on the road and lives would have been lost anyway.

Instead, the federal safety programs funded by the GM payment will save hundreds of other lives that would have been lost and will prevent thousands of injuries, Pena said.

The current C/K models use a different design, with the fuel tank mounted between the frame rails.

The agreement, which was hastily announced after a few days of talks between GM and the Transportation Department, was hailed by industry analysts and blasted by safety advocates.

"As far as I'm concerned, GM settled for five cents on the dollar," said Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. analyst Ronald Glantz.

Analysts said a recall also would have set a dangerous precedent of retroactive safety regulation for automakers.

"The whole industry is breathing easier," added Glantz.

By not admitting to a defect in its trucks, GM also will fare better in the 50 private lawsuits that have been filed against it, analyst Joseph Phillippi of Lehman Brothers said. "Once you do a recall, it's in effect a tacit admission that there was a problem," he said.

But auto safety advocates and a crash victims' group called the settlement a sell-out by regulators.

"A multi-billion dollar conglomerate has essentially bought the government's silence for a pittance," said Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen.

Precious metals market falls sharply

COMMODITIES REPORT

THE precious metals market fell sharply late in last week's session and hit three- and 12-month lows as funds took on new short-positions and liquidating longs.

Investors tended to look toward attractive yields in the dollar and the bond market.

Gold February futures hit a three-month low of $378.80 an ounce and closed just above it at $379.00 an ounce.

March silver closed just above a 12-month low at $4.765 an ounce.

Comex copper ended mostly unchanged to lower in heavy trading after reaching highs not seen since 1989. Trade selling and profit-taking kept this metal's rally in check and March futures closed up 0.05 to 134.00 cents a pound.

Unconfirmed reports that China has banned corn and rice exports gave support to the corn futures market, which closed higher on Friday. Strong figures in Thursday's USDA weekly export sales report also pushed December corn up 1-1/2 cents to close at $2.15-1/2.

CBOT wheat futures closed higher, boosted by a technical recovery which was tied to signs that the market was oversold. Support also came from hopes of an imminent sale of wheat to Egypt, as well as talk of interest from China. December wheat closed up 4-1/2 to $3.79-1/4.

January CBOT soybean futures were pushed up six cents to close at $5.62-3/4, due to an impressive hike in soyoil futures. Soybean crushing was up for the week ending November 30.

Rallies in this commodity are limited due to good rainfall in South America, as well as the record US soy crop.

Heavy volume and speculative and trade buying caused NYSE cotton futures to close higher after hitting the two-cent limit up.

Analysts attribute this to Thursday's good export sales figures and news of China's crop problems. China's current crop is infested with insects and farmers are refusing to sell what they have to the government.

March cotton rose 1.48 cents to close at 82.84 cents a pound.

CSCE world sugar ended lower in choppy, technically driven dealings, traders said. March futures closed down 0.15 cents to 14.29 cents a pound.

CSCE coffee futures closed lower in uneventful trading. March lost 0.70 cents, closing at 161.00 cents a pound. Analysts predict that this market should remain subdued until the US Department of Agriculture's report on World crop estimates, due out on December 12.

News of reduced cocoa production in Indonesia and the Ivory Coast firmed CSCE cocoa prices, causing March futures to close $5 higher at $1,236 a tonne.

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Lebanon raises rates on currency

BEIRUT (Reuter) – Lebanon's central bank wants to maintain the stability of the Lebanese pound and has raised overnight rates on the currency to 50 percent, a bank official said yesterday.

The move came in the wake of Friday's resignation announcement by billionaire Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

The official said Governor Riad Salameh confirmed the bank's policy to a delegation of the Bankers' Association headed by its president, Francois Basile.

Raising the overnight rate makes it more costly for investors to borrow pounds short-term in order to switch into dollars.

The central bank's foreign currency assets reached $4 billion in mid-November, according to Bank figures, and considers this a relatively high level.

Jordan lifts ban on dealing in shekels

AMMAN (Reuter) – Jordan's Central Bank has lifted a ban on dealing in shekels, but has not set an exchange rate, officials said over the weekend.

"We have not set a buy and sell price for the shekel until now, but exchange dealers can deal with the currency and set prices according to supply and demand," a Central Bank source said.

Exchange dealers say lifting the ban meant an end to stiff penalties for those trading in the shekel, formerly classed as an "enemy currency." The currency had been confiscated at border crossings.

Jordan's Central Bank sets a daily rate for the dinar versus seven major currencies based on a basket of currencies. Dealers said the bank had not told them officially of any changes regarding the shekel.

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Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FrstIeW2	1728	-30.0
Control	7072	
IndDevDD		
IndDvPrD		
MarbC	189.50	
OHH	113158	-1.0
Trade	677	-0.4
TradeC	173.00	-0.6

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	266681	-3.0
Carmel	604	
CarmCp	267	
DevMB	17205	-2.5
FirstMB	36255	-0.3
IndepMB	81464	0.5
J IssuC	125.50	
JlemBnk	285	-0.4
LaumMBR	81437	
MetzianC	182.50	
Mizrhr	6558	-1.0
TefahoR	179958	

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shiton	7439	

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
Ianesiter1	1007	
Arasot	1727	0.5
Ayalon	618	
AyalonC	428	-8.9
Elion	324	
ElionC1	200	-1.0
Hadar1	1097	-1.3
Hadar5	1072	-0.3
HasharonC	197.00	
Hasharon1	1291	0.5
Hasharon5	1138	
Menorah1	966	-1.0
Menorah5	894	-1.0
Phoenix1	2478	
Phoenix5	2318	
Saharr	427	-0.2
Zion5	9267	-1.7

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
hashmira	312	
ielahtau	815	0.2
Ituran	1709	-1.0
BezekW2	123.50	-8.9
BndWrhC1	132.50	
BndWrhC2	127.00	
BondWor1 L	9542	-8.0
Citrp0.1	51760	
Clal Comp	9589	-2.0
ClalCmpC	151.00	
ClalSlech	1270	
ClcOp	1139	-7.2
Crystal	1783	
DanHotl	1803	-6.0
DCL	597	
DCLW	95.00	-11.6
Elad	130.00	-8.5
Feldman	124.50	
GanHadar	240	-6.4
GanHadC	201	-0.5
GlicapG2	189.00	
GranitC1	108.00	1.9
GranitW2	106.00	-5.8
HSICI	128.50	-3.0
HSIW1	104.00	-5.5
HSIt1	394	-1.5
Ingamal	2515	-5.0
Ingamal5	2551	-3.0
Lkiz	1043	-2.2
Mell	711	0.6
Medtech	409	-1.9
MedtechW	552	-5.0
MLLC1	182.50	0.5
Repac	1517	-2.3
Reshaf	76.50	
ReshafC1	89.50	0.5
Tbenn	2470	-5.0
TeemrC1	153.50	-5.0
Telaya	1083	
Topline	270	
YnadC1	118.50	
Yisrea	1322	3.0
Yrcta1	805	
Yrcta	458	

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
ashotashk	139.50	-1.4
electrocp	1685	-2.0
Elco	404	-0.2
eolog	428	-2.1
elliger	167.00	-7.0
yarkonlast	519	
AdamsC	112.50	-0.4
Adocom	36.50	
AdocomC2	13.80	
Alliance	1141	
Alony	287	-2.0
AlonyW1		
Alushit1L	12481	
Angel	11710	
Argaman	490	-2.0
Arpt1	86.60	-0.6
Aseply	1391	-10.0
Ashdyn1	170.50	-0.9
AshdynW2	300	-32.7
AshtnW1		
Ashtrom	398	-0.8
Atzmon	315	
AtzmonW1	154.50	-4.9
Azimuth	389	-10.0
Bellcom	587	
BoutiqC1	193.00	
Cables C2	247	
CablesC3	127.00	-1.2
CablesW3	344	-7.0
Carolina	308	
Cargal	1472	
Casco	1327	-5.0
Clsm	486	-7.3
ClalSrC	220	-1.3
ClalSr0.1	1809	
Clinl C6	166.50	-4.9
CyclonsW	1368	-5.5
Cyclone1	7478	-10.0
Cyclone5	5987	-0.2
CyclonC1	145.00	
CyclonC2	105.00	0.5
Delronc1	182.00	
DelronW2	989	
Dorfon1	2384	
Dexbion	257	-8.9
Degem1	1021	
Delta 1	1687	
Delta3	1649	
DubekB	82077	-7.3
DubekR	8859	-8.0
EagleC		
EagleC2	45.00	
EagleW3	36.90	
Eagle1	82.00	
Edge	256	-2.1
EdgarC2	135.00	
EldanTec	59.50	
ElbitW1	5908	-8.0
Elcoind	5024	-3.0
Elcomcs	799	4.1
Elcor 0.5	7537	-1.0
ElectraG4	243	-4.3
EltaC	272	-0.4
EshdRstc	311	-6.1
Evrot	209	-4.1
FertSr5	1436	-10.0
Fertil0.1	1853	-3.2
FoucltW1	6858	-2.0
FoucltW5	5288	-2.0
Five J	5454	
FrutasC1	206	0.5
FrutasC2	180.50	3.1
GiborC1	85.00	2.4
GiborSab	429	-0.9
GiborW2	330	
Gilat1	1697	-4.9
Vitalgn1	232	3.6
Vulcan	160.00	-0.3
VulcanC	160.00	
Wardnon	18898	
WardnW3	9761	-10.0
YitongC2	345	-0.9
Zeiher	259	-2.6
Zikit1	1632	-1.5
Zilge5	1501	-0.3
Zinit1	4294	-0.5
Zitrit5	3729	-2.5
ZionCas1	806	1.0
Zohrvnd	420	5.0

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
JacobNr	173.50	
Jlevad	270	-4.6
Jzarfati	318	0.3
watson	70800	-3.9
y.steng	183.50	-0.9
Alrov	1529	-5.0
AlrovC		
AlrovW1L	173.00	-5.2
Arazim	189.50	-4.8
Arazim C1	173.00	0.3
Ariadan1	1118	
Assis	2138	-3.0
AssisC4	158.50	-0.3
AssisW2	719	-8.0
Assuta	1172	
AssutaC1	233	
AssutaC1	257	-0.4
AzorProp	339	-1.5
Barano1	1131	-4.2
Bayside5	28081	-1.0
BaysidC1	28973	-2.0
BenYehW2	2235	-1.0
BenYehW1	703	
BenYherC	91.00	-1.1
BldgRes	3850	-1.0
Control	1387	-13.0
DanKrer	1424	
DanKrerC	198.00	-3.1
Darad1	193.00	-9.8
Dunbar	4332	-2.0
DunbarCw	298	
Engel	501	
GoldHous	370	-0.5
GlobHouC	195.50	0.5
Ispro	2791	-1.5
Isralom	1995	
IsralomC	206	-5.0
IsralC1	190.50	
Isramd 5	4629	
Isras1	4785	
ICP5	20581	
Jaysour1	183.00	
Jordan	256	-3.0
LazmiC1	102.50	0.5
Lazmikr	191.50	1.3
Litehtz5	172.50	
Lumr1	3564	6.7
MalibuC2	116.00	
MalibuT	868	
MarLuxC	246	0.8
MarLuxC2	80.50	0.6
MarLuxW3	170.50	-2.3
Minrav	8504	-2.0
Mishmeel	341	
MITN	2298	
NectAmv	1518	-3.0
PriCtr	8578	-2.5
RedSea	543	-1.3
RogovIn1L	1079	-1.0
RogovIn5	1054	-2.0
Rotem	541	
Secom	273	-2.2
Shekel	391	0.3
Tashluz	835	-4.9

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
Isys	914	-10.0
Ackerst1	781	
Ackerst2	713	-2.7
AfrarC	484	-4.8
Ampa	106760	-9.3
Arad	5280	-1.5
Azr aC2	183.00	-2.1
ClalWt3	1154	-15.0
Clal50	7054	-10.0
DanbarC	198.00	-0.5
Danbar1	2177	
Ellern	2854	-1.0
Emeh	231	
ExportC4	231	-0.4
Hatn	341	-0.9
HllsnW4	165.50	-17.3
Hlsn5	7897	
Ideal	1110	
IDLC6	184.00	0.3
JoisC1	174.50	0.3
JoisC1A	175.00	0.3
Karclen1	377	-3.1
KardanG2		
Klal	404	-1.0
Magor1	1838	-8.0
Magor5	1571	-2.5
Mofet	588	
OcdC1	126.50	-0.8
OcdW1	3363	-14.8
Ofer	12706	
Permal 1	870	-8.3
Rim1	536	
Rim4	385	
SeherDev	2431	-0.5
Securos	2298	-8.0
SecursC	124.00	-3.9
SecursW	427	-17.8
SAPANHASP	762	
TayarC	248	
TzurGr1	180.50	
TzurGrIm	88.50	-4.9
Unico	5768	

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
MGN1	5970	-2.0

PARALLEL LIST Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
atrsrtst	586	
arisa	855	-1.5
gitish	555	
aocns.	171.00	-2.6
isabanis	245	
mivtahsha	1044	-3.0
mivsys	2205	-1.0
redssalst	310	
tkn	433	-2.0
AdamW1	577	
Comtec	848	
Dalm1	3.40	6.3
Daniel	1200	-2.0
Data	1038	-0.3
Elbech	454	-3.0
Greenbrg	690	-0.4
ILDCHOT	494	
Kind	199.00	-0.3
Kcpel	214	-4.5
KopelC1	168.00	
MZPh	386	-2.5
Nrun1	280	-1.1
Regency Ho	160.00	
TransLin	1238	-1.5

Property, Building

Name	Price	%chg
a don	147.50	-4.8

Two-sided trading

Name	Price	AFTERNOON % Change	AFTERNOON Volume Shares	MORNING Price	MORNING % Change	MORNING Volume Shares
buildpr	504			504		21460
nacional	1135	-3.5	11700	1141	-3.0	8807
Ackerlin	302	-4.7	13500	303	-4.4	28477
Afris O	336930	-1.7	184	332843	-3.0	63
Afrisr	318291	-3.7	55	316291	-3.8	93
Agan	3832	-2.0	15510	3571	-1.0	1176
Agis	1942	-2.0	3800	1962	-1.0	10411
Aryt	455	-7.5	9000	461	-6.3	4041
Avner	8.2	-6.2	210000	8.3	-4.6	722944
Azorim	3692	-1.5	40400	3720	-0.7	9810
ALPM	12004	-3.0	3480	11942	-3.5	2996
Bezek	523	-0.5	330000	517	-1.7	55485
Boulo	204	-5.7	32000	207	-4.2	24306
Cables	1507	1.2	22000	1507	1.3	12030
Clal Ele	25560	-3.5	2745	25692	-3.0	972
Clal Tra	768		51000	780	-1.0	30051
Clal 10	7039	-1.5	53280	6967	-2.5	2657
Clalins	1184	0.2		1184	0.3	33503
Cldstr 5	1776	-2.2	3200	1776	-2.3	7000
Clnds	1716	-1.5	78400	1707	-2.0	16805
CohenDev	641	-10.0		641	-10.0	9700
Danber 5	1895	-4.7		1895	-4.7	2487
Dead Sea	762	-1.5	208000	745	-3.7	24313
Discinv	18410	1.0	19870	17863	-2.0	3350
Elbit	17534	-1.7	9590	17400	-2.5	1251
Elco	8832	-2.0	6880	8877	-1.5	1807
Elite 5	1475	-2.0	73000	1471	-2.3	9219
Elron	7970	0.5	12000	7871	-0.7	14814
Evergr n	2087	-2.7	6750	2125	-1.0	2938
Export	1476	-6.2	31200	1452	-7.8	4279
Fibi	41810	-2.0	1785	42023	-1.5	540
Formula	899	-8.7	3200	899	-8.7	9251
Frstint1	32872	-3.7	350	32872	-3.8	320
Frstint5	30465	-2.2	1080	30231	-3.0	301
Frutarom	1041	-1.7	18200	1018	-4.0	31430
Gahelet	5143	-4.7		5143	-4.7	50
Granit	485	-3.7	42000	486	-3.6	121908
Hapoalim	420	-3.5	268600	421	-3.2	204849
Hapolim	6880	-3.0	5060	6845	-3.5	2185
IndBldg	365	-1.5	616000	362	-2.4	33558
IndDevBK	29838	-1.0		29838	-1.0	214
Isramco	7.4	-10.0	11960000	7.5	-8.5	4388168
IsrCorp1	20128	-3.0	3420	20128	-3.0	898
IsrCorp5	19438	-4.0		19438	-4.0	145
IDB	944	-3.0	469500	949	-2.5	159512
IDBDev	48597	-3.2	9825	48722	-3.0	3123
ILDC	892	-3.2	49600	904	-2.0	90211
JEC	971	-2.2	115200	963	-3.0	19453
JOEL	125.5	-5.0	288000	121.5	-8.0	140479
Kardan5	366	-5.2		366	-5.2	26700
Kitan	942	-2.5	39600	942	-2.5	7598
Koor	22185	-1.5	15540	22129	-1.7	17257
Leumi	316	-2.7	235000	317	-2.5	57577
Lifshit1	282	-0.2		282	-0.4	28882
Mekhtash	1375	-1.0	203000	1389		29451
Malibu5	806	-7.2	5700	815	-6.2	5000
Maman	757		4800	757		16911
Marti1	2040	-6.0	3750	2062	-5.0	2581
Mashov	243	-3.0		243	-2.8	27890
Mehadrin	12876	-1.5	300	12941	-1.0	894
MeirEzra	2415	-10.0	3000	2415	-10.0	
Mishkan	29837	-3.7	720	29914	-3.5	90
Mivtah	1068	-3.0	39600	1079	-2.0	4347
Multlock	1121	-4.2		1121	-4.3	2498
MGN5	5393	-2.0	900	5448	-1.0	1116
MLL1	463	-10.0	4000	463	-9.9	
IDB	944	-3.0	469500	949	-2.5	159512
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MLL1	463	-10.0	4000	463	-9.9	
Ocif	7670	-7.2	1440	7939	-4.0	398
Ormat	641	-4.7	44000	636	-5.5	28380
Osem	1627	-2.7	60000	1646	-1.5	11036
OsemW1						
PezolEx	106.5	-14.0	588000	110.0	-11.3	60500
Pecker	8780		2720	8607	-1.7	1540
Periclas	1903	-5.0	1800	1903	-5.0	2759
Petrchem	1228	0.2	100800	1225		31548
Piryon	9683	-4.5	600	9480	-6.5	377
PolgatB	344	-5.0	30100	344	-5.0	16707
Poseidon	87.5	-10.0	16000	87.5	-9.8	
Rogosin	2723		4800	2723		2734
SelaPump	158.0	-5.2	50000	160.0	-3.9	68804
SupersiB	4491	-2.6	31680	4514	-2.0	9482
TelahotB	185331	-2.2	96	185331	-2.3	25
Tempo1	1308	-7.5	3400	1297	-8.3	8282
Teva	73138	-3.2	2680	72382	-4.3	522
TevaC	423			423		
Titanveal	400	-10.0	4000	400	-8.8	
TAT5	278	-5.0	5300	278	-5.1	63260
Urdan 0.	347	1.5	64000	344	0.6	38858
Yaad	582	-0.7	2800	582	-0.7	4871

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
adomsegn	333	
Ayman	1348	-10.0
maanvkid	775	
nsco	1693	
phyton	220	
Rochart	1837	-0.2
techom	512	
tolmeuer	526	-10.0
vpentra	112.50	1.4
zionretail	13777	
Adumim	307	
Baruch1	1985	
Baruch5	803	-3.1
Brosh1	599	-0.3
Dedzr	1984	-1.8
Elsam	162.00	2.2
Gell	158.00	-0.9
King1	821	
Lahish1	2818	-6.0
MeirC1	135.50	
Mish1	310	-9.9
MLT	1247	-1.0
Nesa	19464	-22.2
NesaG1	191.00	-0.5
Oholeib	702	0.7
Orazd	191.50	
OrazdC	90.00	
OrdaPrnt	904	-9.5
Pofish1	969	-10.0
Shtedot	138.00	-10.1
Taste	883	-2.0

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
darban1	2298	-8.0
kuls	616	-6.9
mivnaxon	66.00	
Alsn	1302	-0.2

Lazy Gordon gets hot, snuffs Mac Ramat Gan

JOEL GORDIN

THE unpredictable, flamboyant Lazy Gordon was the superstar of last night's 11th-round National Basketball League games. He took the debt-ridden, demoralized Hapoel Haifa club to an amazing 19-point, 101-82, road victory over Maccabi Ramat Gan; all this after Haifa trailed 43-35 at halftime.

Gordon scored a massive 33 points – including six 3-pointers, but netted only nine points in the first half. Haifa coach Ranni Kahane, in fact, took Gordon out after 10 minutes of the first half due to the point guard's sloppy play in which he was guilty of a half-dozen turnovers. A furious argument developed between the player and the coach which could be heard all around the court.

At any rate, in the first half, Haifa could not stop Lamont Strothers who made up for the poor game played by Ramat Gan's other American, John Eubanks. The home team easily led by eight points at the break.

As the second half began, Kahane gave Gordon a second chance; and that was the name of Haifa's runaway win. It must have been a happy journey back north for a team which has pulled itself out of the cellar, although, according to reports, the players have not received salaries for three months.

For Haifa, Gordon scored 33, Michael Kennedy 22, Barak Livne 11 (including three 3-pointers). For Ramat Gan, Strothers scored 28 and Motti Ben-Basset 13.

Hapoel Eilat 102, Hapoel Holon 95

Holon sponsor Nahum Minlver's all-star cast – which is rumored to have cost him $4 million – once again failed to make the grade and slipped another point towards the lower half of the table.

In the first half, Holon was mesmerized by a brilliant Willie Sims and could not get going on offense. Eilat led 47-41 at halftime. After the break, Holon coach Meyer Kaminsky benched a disappointing Doron Shefa and shifted Oren Aharoni to playmaker. Adi Gordon took up the slack at scoring guard and knocked in a series of 3-pointers which helped to close the gap.

Then, Eilat's Brian Rowsom found his scoring hands, the Holon defense crumbled; and for the umpteenth time this season, the "dream team" woke up to the harsh reality of defeat. For Eilat: Rowsom 28, Sims 15, Ari Rosenberg and Itzhik Cohen 12 apiece. For Holon: David Thirdkill netted 28, Gordon 23 and Shilton Jones 19.

Maccabi Jerusalem 94, Hapoel Gvat 85

Jerusalem's home win brought it valuable points to keep out of the cellar. The home club took advantage of first-half lapses by Gvat's two Americans, Derrick Gervin and Rodney Munro to shoot ahead to a halftime lead of 47-40.

Afterwards, Jerusalem's Joe Dawson was slapped with two technical fouls and Gervin and Munro sent Gvat storming back and a close game developed. However, Jerusalem's new player Sean Green, coupled with eager Gilad Simhoni, held the fort and thwarted the invaders. Simhoni surpassed himself with 23, Green scored 20 and Dawson 18. For Gvat, Gervin sank 26 and Munro 24.

Hap Herzliya 107, Hap Givatayim 97

As shown by the score, neither team bothered too much with defense and the home club won because they had the more accurate shooters. For Herzliya, Paul Thompson and Amir Katz each hit 26 and John Hudson 17. Givatayim's ace was the new big man Adrian Branch who slammed 35, keeping his team in the game. Gary Plummer scored 29. Herzliya led 60-49 at halftime.

Tonight, the winner of the Maccabi Rishon Lezion-Maccabi Tel Aviv clash (both 9-1) will take over sole possession of first place. The game will be shown live on the Sports Channel from 20:30.

In the other remaining game, Betar Ramat Gan hosts Hapoel Jerusalem in another sad, but foregone conclusion.

Greg LeMond retires after being diagnosed with muscular disease

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Greg LeMond, a three-time Tour de France winner who climbed to the pinnacle of cycling by overcoming formidable odds, retired Saturday because of a rare muscular disease.

LeMond said he has mitochondrial myopathy, and that is has sapped his strength the past three seasons.

The 33-year-old American said he made his decision after considering the results of months of testing.

Mitochondria is responsible for energy production and is generally referred to as the power source for muscle contraction.

LeMond's physician, Rochelle Taube, said this is the first known diagnosis of the disease in a healthy individual and the first in an athlete. The disease usually affects pediatric and older patients.

"I don't want anyone to think I'm dying, or anything like that," LeMond said. "I just can't perform at the level I'm accustomed to."

LeMond became in 1986 the first non-European to win the prestigious 23-day, 3,200-kilometer (2,000-mile) Tour de France. He was only the second American ever to compete in the grueling event.

LeMond was accidently shot by his brother-in-law while hunting for wild turkey in northern California in April 1987. He had more than 60 lead pellets removed from his liver, kidneys, intestines and posterior in five hours of surgery, but more than 40 remain in his body including two in the lining of his heart.

LeMond said his doctors are pursuing a possible link to the hunting accident. While there are no limitations to his daily activities, the condition makes it impossible to achieve the level necessary to race competitively.

Plebes will be plebes



Midshipmen wearing pom poms cheer the arrival of their team before the start of the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia on Saturday. Kurt Heiss' 52-yard field goal with 6:19 left gave Army a 22-20 victory, the Cadet's fourth victory in the last five years.

Hawks snap Magic's win streak

ATLANTA (Reuter) – Jon Koncak made a jumper, a free throw and a key defensive play down the stretch as the Atlanta Hawks ended the Orlando Magic's club-record nine-game winning streak on Saturday.

Stacey Augmon scored 21 points for the Hawks, who erased a seven-point deficit in the final four minutes to win 107-105.

"We need to play like this every night," said Augman whose last jumper tied the score at 105-105.

Koncak, who scored just seven points, hit a free throw with 32 seconds left to put the Hawks ahead and deflected a pass meant for Shaquille O'Neal off Orlando's Brian Shaw and out of bounds to give the ball back to Atlanta.

O'Neal had 27 points and 15 rebounds and Anfernee Hardaway added 26 points for the Magic, who were held scoreless in the final 1:44.

Timberwolves 103, Clippers 95

The winless host Clippers fell to 0-15, equaling the second-worst start in NBA history.

The Clippers are just two losses shy of the all-time record for most losses at the start of a season, set by the expansion Miami Heat in 1988.

Doug West, Christian Laettner and Isaiah Rider all scored 19 points to lead the Minnesota attack.

Pistons 107, Suns 97

Rookie Grant Hill scored four of his 19 points during an 11-0 third-quarter run that broke open the game as Detroit won at home.

Detroit held a 10-point lead with 3:18 left in the third when Hill and Mark Macon sparked the game-breaking run that put the Pistons up 87-66 with 28 seconds left in the quarter.

Knicks 111, Bullets 95

Charles Smith scored 23 points and Anthony Mason added a season-high 22 as host New York rebounded from its worst loss of the season.

The Knicks, which have 11 straight wins over Washington, were coming off a 125-100 rout at the hands of Orlando.

"It was a good way for us to shake off the effects of last night," said Knicks coach Pat Riley. "There was a lot of intensity out there."

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	11	3	.786	–
New York	8	5	.615	2.5
Boston	7	8	.467	4.5
Philadelphia	6	8	.429	5
Washington	6	8	.385	5.5
New Jersey	6	11	.353	6.5
Miami	4	9	.308	6.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Indiana	9	5	.643	–
Cleveland	9	6	.600	.5
Chicago	8	7	.533	1.5
Detroit	8	7	.533	1.5
Charlotte	7	7	.500	2
Atlanta	6	9	.400	3.5
Milwaukee	5	9	.357	4

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New York 111, Washington 95
Atlanta 107, Orlando 105
Philadelphia 83, Cleveland 78
Detroit 107, Phoenix 97
Sacramento 94, New Jersey 89
Chicago 125, Boston 109
Utah 112, Dallas 87
Denver 99, Charlotte 88
Seattle 111, Milwaukee 108
Minnesota 103, LA Clippers 95
Indiana 118, Golden State 107

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	11	4	.733	–
Utah	10	6	.625	1.5
Denver	8	6	.571	2.5
Dallas	7	6	.538	3
San Antonio	7	7	.500	3.5
Minnesota	3	13	.188	8.5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	11	5	.688	–
Seattle	10	5	.667	.5
LA Lakers	9	6	.600	1.5
Golden State	8	7	.533	2.5
Sacramento	7	7	.500	3
Portland	6	7	.462	3.5
LA Clippers	0	15	.000	10.5

Pakistan wins hockey World Cup

SYDNEY (AP) – Goalkeeper Mansoor Ahmad made a dramatic diving save to stop a penalty stroke from Jeroen Delmee yesterday as Pakistan triumphed in a shootout against the Netherlands and won the World Cup field hockey title for a record fourth time.

The teams were level 1-1 after regulation time and Pakistan won the penalty contest 4-3.

Ahmad, who also was the hero when Pakistan defeated Olympic champion Germany on penalty strokes in the semifinal, dived to his right to stop the Delmee's shot and seal the win.

Floris Jan Bovelander had earlier missed with the second stroke for the Dutch team and Shafqat Malik had seen his stroke saved by Dutch goalkeeper Ronald Jansen when he could have sealed the win.

Hundreds of Pakistani supporters invaded the pitch at the State Sports Center after Ahmad made his save. The Pakistan players prostrated themselves on the ground in a mixture of delight and disbelief and then were hoisted on the shoulders of their fans.

The loss was the first in 28 games for the Dutch, who beat Pakistan in the 1990 final in Lahore and had been seeking their third World Cup victory.

Pakistan previously triumphed in 1971, 1978 and 1982. Its inspirational captain Shahbaz Ahmed was named tournament MVP.

"This is unforgettable," said Shahbaz. "It is a matter of great excitement for all of us."

Dutch coach Roelant Oltmans conceded that Pakistan had dominated the second half – during which both teams had a goal disallowed – and deserved its win.

"A penalty competition is a lottery and not the best way to settle a World Cup, but they did better than us in the second half," he said. "We couldn't control the game the way we wanted."

Australia earlier crushed Olympic champion Germany 5-2 in the bronze medal game, scoring four goals in an eight-minute period midway through the first half.

England scores 100-run win

CANBERRA (AP) – Mike Atherton, Alec Stewart and Graeme Hick all scored half-centuries yesterday as England cruised to a 100-run victory over the Australian Capital Territory in a limited-overs cricket match at Manuka Oval.

England scored 253 for five in its allocated 50 overs and then dismissed the home team for 153. Paceman Darren Gough took four for 19 from 5.2 overs.

England captain Atherton cruised to 53 off 68 balls, including four boundaries, before retiring after a 97-run partnership with Stewart.

Stewart scored his 50 from 78 balls and hammered three fours and one six before being bowled by Ian Garrity for 53.

Graham Thorpe joined Hick at the crease for another quick scoring partnership before Hick misjudged a ball from John Bull and was bowled for 50. His half-century came from just 55 balls in 52 minutes.

Thorpe contributed 38 and Graham Gooch was unbeaten on 40 at the end of the innings.

Erlich upsets Czech favorite

HEATHER CHAIT

ISRAEL'S 17-year-old Eyal Erlich upset the favorite Czech David Skoch to win the Masters event of the Friedman men's tennis satellite yesterday in Ramat Hasharon.

Skoch, winner of the rounds in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Ashkelon, went down to Erlich 7-6(3), 6-2 in an uninspiring game. Erlich picks up 33 ATP points which should lift him to around the 463 world mark.

The final, which had been scheduled for Friday in Beersheba, was moved north after being delayed twice by rain.

Erlich's luck spread to the doubles where he teamed up with Lior Mor to beat Skoch and fellow Czech Petr Pala 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

In the Ada Moross women's development final, Czech Leona Laskova completed her quartet by winning her fourth successive title on the Israeli circuit.

Laskova, making her comeback after a six-month break due to injury, beat Ivona Mihailova from Macedonia 6-3, 6-1.

Prize money of $800 was awarded to both Erlich and Laskova.

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BRITISH SOCCER – Premier League: QPR 2, West Ham 1. Division One: Millwall 1, Wolverhampton 0. Scottish Premier: Glasgow Rangers 3, Dundee United 0.

Faldo holds off Els, Price for million dollar win

SUN CITY, SA (AP) – Nick Faldo of England fought off African challengers Nick Price and Ernie Els yesterday to win the Million Dollar Challenge by three shots and take home golf's richest first prize – $1 million.

Three times the runner up in the 14-year-old tournament at the Gary Player Country Club, Faldo used a ruthless iron game and some clutch putting to outduel Els, the US Open champion from South Africa, and hold off a late-charging Price, the Zimbabwean who led the world rankings this year and won the British Open and PGA titles.

"I've always wanted to say this – Sun City, thanks a million," Faldo said after receiving the winner's check and trophy.

His final found 69 gave him a tournament total of 272, 16 strokes under par and three shots ahead of Price, the defending champion who birdied three of the last six holes to move into second place ahead of a faltering Els.

Playing with Faldo, Els pulled even once in the front nine, then bogeyed the 13th when his approach missed the green and took a crippling double bogey on the 15th by having to play two shots from a thicket.

Faldo, meanwhile, recovered from a bogey on the third hole caused by a penalty drop to birdie the seventh and ninth holes, then fired consecutive birdies on the 15th and 16th to clinch victory.

Faldo led after all four rounds and set a tournament record of 14-under-par at the halfway mark with two straight eight-birdie days. His second round 64 tied Lee Trevino for course record and gave him a seven-stroke lead.

But his putting touch disappeared on Saturday, and Els fired a five-under 67 to fight back to within two strokes. In both the third and fourth rounds, Els tied Faldo but never managed to pull ahead, and Faldo each time responded with timely birdies to regain the lead.

Price had a final round 68 to end at 13-under, while Els shot a 72 to end at 11-under and tied for third with compatriot David Frost, who shot five birdies on the back nine for a final round 66.

Also finishing strong to finish tied for fifth place, two shots back, were Bernhard Langer of Germany and American Tom Lehman. Langer had a final round 68 and Lehman a 69.

Launched in 1981, the Million Dollar Challenge drew top players such as Ballesteros, Lee Trevino and Johnny Miller in the early years. But a cultural boycott against South Africa to protest the apartheid system caused most of the best players to skip it until reforms in recent years led to the nation's first all-race election in April and the formal end of apartheid.

'Severe punishment' awaits doped Chinese athletes

BEIJING (AP) – The 11 Chinese athletes who tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs at the Asian Games face "severe punishment," an official statement said yesterday.

The Chinese Olympic Committee was "shocked" when the Olympic Council of Asia confirmed the athletes had used hydrotesterone, the state-run *Xinhua News Agency* reported. The Xinhua report did not specify what the "severe punishment" would be.

The Olympic Council of Asia announced Saturday that the 11 had been stripped of the medals they won at the October games in Hiroshima.

OCA Director General Abdul Muttaleb Al-Ahmad said the athletes, six women and five men, won their medals for swimming, cycling and the decathlon. He said the athletes' names were not immediately available.

The Chinese olympic Committee issued a statement that said "it is clear to all that the excellent performance of most Chinese athletes was achieved through long-term, hard and scientific training, and their performances could not be totally denied."

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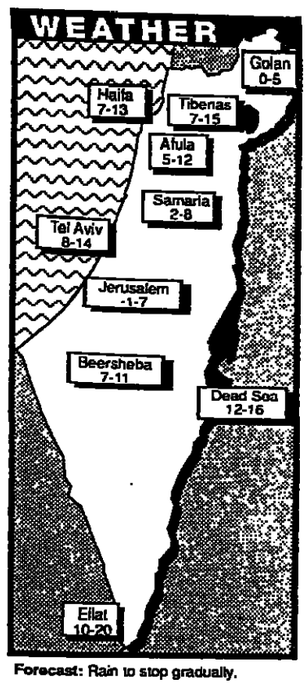
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Wizo hotlines for battered women 02-514111, 03-5461133 (also in Russian), 07-376310, 08-550506 (also in Amharic).
Rape Crisis Center (24 hours), Tel Aviv 5234819, 5449191 (men), Jerusalem 514455, Haifa 660111, Eilat 31977.
The National Poison Control Center at Rambam Hospital 04-529205, for emergency calls 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning.
Emergency dental clinic (24 hours) 02-622303.
Emergency dental clinic (24 hours inc. holidays) 03-6968840, 050-318777.

FLIGHTS

24 Hours Flight Information Service: Arrivals only, 03-9731111 (Hebrew), 03-9731122 (English)

CRITIC'S CHOICE

ETHNIC

HELEN KAYE

BELLY dancing is rightly being regarded, more and more, as an art form. A performance by leading dancers, not all women, shows why. Jehan Kemal and Yousry (US), Galila (Germany), and Magda (Egypt) join Israeli dancer Mali Uzan at Tel Aviv's Duhl Auditorium on Saturday at 9 p.m. Also performing are singers Ahmed Gusar (Egypt) and Moni (Israel) with his debka troupe.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THERE is a lot of music in Jerusalem today. Idit (baroque flute) and David (harpsichord) Shemer perform works by Bach, Scarlatti and Leclair in a recital at the Hebrew University (room 2715 of the Humanities Faculty) at 1:30 p.m. The chamber music series of Voice of Music continues at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall (5 p.m.) with guitarist Reuben Seroussi playing selections by Takemitsu, Scarlatti, Britten and Villa Lobos. The Kaprisma Ensemble opens its season tonight at the Rebecca Crown Auditorium conducted by Gideon Lewensohn. The program features two world premieres: Israel Sharon's Suite for 11 Instruments and Michael Wolpe's *Caprisma IV* for piano, trumpet and strings, as well as compositions by Ravel and Janacek and Peretz Eliahu's orchestration of a Buxtehude chaconne for brass.

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

WILLIAM Forsythe's Frankfurt Ballet is an amazing company. The technical virtuosity of the dancers is superb, and their performance is breathtaking. The company now performs Forsythe's own *A L I E/N A(C)TION* at the Tel Aviv Performing Art Center tomorrow through Friday at 8:30 except Friday at 1 p.m.



William Forsythe's Frankfurt Ballet's 'A L I E/N A(C)TION' at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center.

TELEVISION

PENNY STARR

THERE is another chance to see the exciting space documentary, *Dreams of Flight* today on Superchannel.

Tonight's episode, "In the Beginning...," takes us on a journey through aviation history, with a look at the pioneering work of the Wright Brothers, the first flying machines of war, and Charles Lindbergh's first historic flight across the Atlantic in his plane, *The Spirit of St. Louis. Dreams of Flight* is on at 8:30.

CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE **Vincent and Theo 7 ★ Bad Girls 9:30 ★ After, Field Diary 9:30** G.G. GIL **Jerusalem Mall (Malha)** ☎ 788448 **Forrest Gump 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Timecop 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ Natural Born Killers 9:15, 11:30 ★ The Shadow 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7 ★ Clear and Present Danger 7:15, 10 ★ Getting Even With Dad•The Flintstones 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ The Specialist 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ The Client 9:30 ★ Into the West 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7 ★ The Real McCoy 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30** JERUSALEM THEATER **Strawberry and Chocolate 9:30 ★ Germinal 6 ★ The Flying Camel•Reality Bites•Priscilla 5, 7:30, 9:30 ★ True Lies 7:30, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Monkey Trouble Ace Ventura •The Mask 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ Pulp Fiction 7 ★ Gilbert Grape•The Siren's Song•The Color of the Night•Four Weddings and a Funeral 7:30, 9:45 ★ It Could Happen To You 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Angel 11 a.m., 1:15, 4:45 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. Miracle on 34th Street 10:45 a.m., 5 ★ It Could Happen to You 10:45 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:30 ★ Burnt By the Sun 7, 9:30**

TEL AVIV
RAV-CHEN☎ 5282288* **Dizengoff Center Pulp Fiction 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ The Color of the Night 7:30, 9:45★ The Siren's Song 7:30, 9:45★ I Love Trouble 7:30, 9:45★ Angel 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45★ Miracle on 34th Street 11 a.m. ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15 ★ The Mask 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 DEKEL** ☎ 5443200 **94 Yehuda Hamaccabi St. It Could Happen to You 7:30, 9:45 DIZENGOFF 1-3** ☎ 200485 **Dizengoff Center Gilbert Grape 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ True Romance 2, 9:45 ★ Into the West 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Burnt By the Sun 11 a.m., 4:15, 7 DRIVE IN True Lies 10 ★ Sex Film 12 midnight GAN HA'IR Priscilla 5, 7:30, 9:45 GAT Four Weddings and a Funeral 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 GORDON The Woman Who Made Sesame Oil 6, 8 ★ The Diary of Nani Moretti 10 G.G. HOD 1–4** ☎ 5226090 **Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Forrest Gump 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10★ True Lies 4:30, 7:15, 10★ The Flintstones 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ Priscilla 7:30, 10 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ The Shadow 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10★ Naked 2, 10 ★ Raining Stones 12 noon, 6 ★ The Flying Camel 2, 4, 8, 10 ★ Ladybird 2, 4, 6, 8 ★ Life Time 12:15, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 MAXIM Speed 5, 7:15, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ **5102674* Opera House Serial Mom•The Siren's Song•Sirens•I Love Trouble 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (English dialogue) 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 5 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2** ☎ **5271645 Kikar Namir Forrest Gump 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ The Client 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TAYELET 1-3** ☎ **5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St., The Client•The Specialist 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Clear and Present Danger 4:30, 7:15, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV** ☎ **5281181 65 Pinsker St. The Real McCoy•The Specialist•Timecop 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 TEL AVIV MUSEUM** ☎ **6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard The House of Angels 5, 7:30, 10 ZAFON Germinal 4, 7, 9:45**

HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ **325755 Speed 7:15, 9:15 ★ Clear and Present Danger 7, 9:15 ATZMON 1-5** ☎ **673003 Timecop•The Specialist•The Real McCoy 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ Forrest Gump 4:15, 8:45, 9:15 ★ The Shadow 4:30, 7, 9:30 CINEMA CAFÉ MORIAH** ☎ **242477 Priscilla 7:30, 9:30 ORLY Gilbert Grape 7, 9:15 PANORAMA 1-3** ☎ **382020 Getting Even With Dad 11 a.m., 4:30 ★ Into the West 11 a.m., 4:30, 7 ★ The Client 7, 9:30 ★ True Lies 11 a.m., 4:15 ★ Germinal 9:15 RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ **674311 Pulp Fiction 6:45, 9:30 ★ It Could Happen To You 7, 9:15 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Monkey Trouble 11 a.m., 5 RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ **416899/8 Four Weddings and a Funeral•The Color of the Night•The Siren's Song•I Love Trouble•Gilbert Grape 7, 9:30 ★ It Could Happen To You 11 a.m., 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ When a Man Loves a Woman 9:30 ★ Angel 11 a.m., 1:15, 4:45, 7 ★ Monkey Trouble•Mr. Nanny•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ **246553 The Siren's Song•The Color of the Night 7:15, 9:30 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 9:30 ★ The Mask 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45**

ARAD
STAR **The Specialist 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Iron Will 11 a.m. ★ Angel of Desire 9:45 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m. ★ Stars Wandering 4:30, 7 ★ Priscilla 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ Miracle on 34th Street 11 a.m.**

ASHDOD
G.G. GIL **Forrest Gump 7, 9:45 ★ The Specialist 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 7:15, 9:45 ★ Timecop 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ The Shadow 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ The Real McCoy 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45**

ASHKELON
G.G. GIL **The Real McCoy 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Timecop 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Specialist 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ Natural Born Killers 7:15, 9:45 ★ Getting Even With Dad 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Forrest Gump 4, 7, 9:45 ★ The Shadow 11 a.m., 1:30 RAV CHEN 1-5** ☎ **711223 It Could Happen To You 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Siren's Song•The Color of the Night 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 7, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 9:45 ★ The Mask•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 5 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 5, 7:15**

BAT YAM
RAV CHEN ☎ **5531077 Angels 7:15, 9:45 ★ Timecop 11 a.m., 1:15, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Color of the Night 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Specialist 7:30, 9:45 ★ Forrest Gump 7, 9:45 ★ I Love Trouble 7:15, 9:45 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 5 ★ Baby's Day Out•The Mask 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 ★ The Shadow 11 a.m., 5 ★ The Real McCoy 5, 7:15, 9:45**

BEERSHEBA
RAV-NEGEV 1-4 ☎ **235278 The Color of the Night 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Siren's Song 9:45 ★ The Mask•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1, 5 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral•It Could Happen To You 7:30, 9:45 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1:15, 5, 7:30 ★ The Specialist 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Shadow 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Timecop 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Natural Born Killers 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Flintstones•Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30**

HADERA
LEV 1-4 ☎ **343555 The Color of the Night 7:30, 10 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 11 a.m., 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ Forrest Gump 7, 9:45 ★ Miracle on 34th Street 11 a.m., 4:30 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 4:30 ★ Sirens 5, 7:30, 10**

HERZLIYA
COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ **6902666 Threesome•Four Weddings and a Funeral 7:30, 10 DANIEL HOTEL** ☎ **544044 THE AUDITORIUM Into the West 7:30, 9:30 STAR☎ 589068 29 Sokolov St. Forrest Gump 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Siren's Song 9:45 ★ The Mask 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ The Shadow 11 a.m., 5 ★ The Real McCoy 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ The Siren's Song 9:30**

KARMIEL
CINEMA 1–3 ☎ **887277 A Bronx Tale 7, 9:30 ★ The Specialist 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ True Lies 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Mr. Nanny 11 a.m., 5 ★ The Mask 11 a.m.**

KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL **The Real McCoy•Timecop 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ The Specialist 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ The Lion King 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ Forrest Gump 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ The Siren's Song 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ The Shadow 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30**

KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ **779166 Timecop•The Real McCoy 11 a.m., 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Monkey Trouble•Mask•Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 4:45 ★ Speed 11 a.m., 7, 9:30 ★ Natural Born Killers 7, 9:30 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m. ★ The Specialist 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Into the West 11 a.m., 4:45, 7 ★ Forrest Gump 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Getting Even With Dad 11 a.m., 4:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 5, 7:30**

KIRYAT ONO
MATNAS **The Siren's Song 7, 9:15 ★ The Flintstones 5**

LOD
STAR **The Specialist 7:30, 9:30 ★ Beethoven 2 11 a.m., 5 ★ Miracle on 34th Street 11 a.m. ★ The Color of the Night 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Blank Check 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Shadow•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ The Specialist 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ Forrest Gump 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Timecop 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30**

NAHARIYA
HECHAL HATARBUT **Four Weddings and a Funeral 7, 9:15**

NESS ZIONA
G.G. GIL **1-4** ☎ **404729 The Real McCoy 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ The Shadow•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ The Specialist 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ Forrest Gump 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Timecop 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30**

NETANYA
G.G. GIL **1-5** ☎ **828452 Forrest Gump 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Timecop•The Real McCoy 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Priscilla 7:15, 9:45; ★ The Shadow 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Thumbelina•Free Willy 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ The Specialist 5, 7:15, 9:45 RAV-CHEN 1-4** ☎ **618570 Pulp Fiction 7, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ The Color of the Night 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Siren's Song 9:45 ★ The Mask 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1:15, 4:45, 7:15 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5**

OR YEHUDA
G.G. GIL **The Specialist•Aya 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Flintstones•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ The Real McCoy 11 a.m., 1:30, 5,7:15, 9:45 ★ I Love Trouble 7:15, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1:30, 5**

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL 1-3 ☎ **9300844 The Real McCoy 7:15, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Forrest Gump 7, 9:45 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Timecop 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 G. G. RAM 1-3** ☎ **9340818 The Specialist•The Siren's Song•Angels 5, 7:15, 9:45**

RA'ANANA
MOFET **The House of Angels 7:30, 9:30 PARK Four Weddings and a Funeral 7:30, 10 ★ The Color of the Night 7:30, 10 ★ Miracle on 34th Street 5 ★ The Three Ninja Kids 11 a.m., 1 ★ Timecop 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ It Could Happen to You 7:30, 10 ★ Speed 11 a.m., 1, 5 ★ Forrest Gump 7:15, 10 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1, 5**

RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ **797121 Four Weddings and a Funeral 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Siren's Song 7:30, 9:45 ★ I Love Trouble 9:45 ★ The Mask 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ Forrest Gump 7, 9:45 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1:15, 5, 7:30 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 RAV-OASIS 1-3** ☎ **6730687 The Color of the Night•Timecop 9:45 ★ The Specialist 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Timecop•The Color of the Night 5, 7:15**

RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV ☎ **5491979 Clear and Present Danger 9:30 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 5 ★ The Mask 7**

REHOVOT
CHEN 1–4 ☎ **465979 The Siren's Song•The Color of the Night 7:15, 9:45 ★ Aristocats 11 a.m., 5 ★ Into the West 11 a.m., 5 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 5, 7:15 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 5**

RISHON LEZION
HAZAHAV **Timecop 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ Timecop 9:15, 11:30 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7 ★ Forrest Gump 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30 RAV CHEN Pulp Fiction 7, 9:45,★ Four Weddings and a Funeral•The Color of the Night•It Could Happen to You 7:30, 9:45 ★ Aristocats (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•The Mask•Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5**

RISHON NEW IND. AREA
GAL 1-5 ☎ **9619669 The Real McCoy 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ The Shadow 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30★ The Real McCoy 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Specialist 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ Natural Born Killers 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ The Flintstones 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ The Client 9:45 ★ Into the West 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:15 STAR 1-4** ☎ **9619985-7 27 Lishinsky St. The Color of the Night 9:45 ★ The Three Ninjas Kick Back 11:30 a.m., 5 ★ Baby's Day Out 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:15 ★ The Siren's Song 7:30, 10 ★ It Could Happen To You 5, 7:30 ★ Speed 11:30 a.m., 10 ★ The Blue Kite 7:15, 10 ★ Miracle on 34th Street 11:30 a.m., 5**

UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL **The Color of the Night•Natural Born Killers 7, 9:30 ★ Flintstones•The Shadow 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 ★ Miracle on 34th Street 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 ★ The Specialist 7, 9:30 ★ The Real McCoy 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ The Flying Camel 7, 9:30 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 ★ Timecop 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Forrest Gump 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1:30**

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TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News **6:45** Cartoon **7:00** Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Art of the Western World **9:25** Ralph **10:00** Morning Talk – Batya Berak hosts professionals in the fields of psychology, education and society. This week – Miracles **10:30** Tom Jones – Stevie Wonder **11:20** Young Riders **12:05** Film: The Peanut Butter Solution – An 11-year-old boy's curiosity is piqued by an old house. He fantasizes that it is really a haunted castle. When a fire breaks out at the old house, he breaks in and finds himself in the middle of an adventure **13:35** Keep Fit **14:00** Pretty Butterfly **14:30** 1001 Americas – cartoon series on history of America **15:00** Pitzuhim – game show

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Danny's Room **15:35** Tiny Toon – cartoon Series **16:00** Zap to One **17:00** A New Evening **17:35** Animals and Smiles – quiz show **18:00** Rugrats **18:15** News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Sports magazine **19:00** News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Kindergarten Party hosted by Rivka Michaeli, with Shlomo Gronich and Julian Chagrin **20:00** Mabat **21:00** Popolitica **22:10** Between the Lines **23:00** Backtrack – Ehud Manor hosts artists **23:30** News magazine **00:00** Love At First Sight – The Island

■ CHANNEL 2

10:00 Dr Seuss on the Loose **10:30** Bon Voyage – Walt Disney film **12:45** Cartoons **13:00** The Corsican Bishop **14:00** Nature in Australia **15:00** Disney Time: Duck Tales **15:30** Disney Time: Tale Spin **16:00** The Bold and the Beautiful **17:00** Reshet at Five **17:30** Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **18:00** Double Dare – children's game show **18:30** Dr. Quinn – Medicine Woman **19:30** Lingo – game show **20:00** News **20:30** Dating show **21:00** Comedy Store **21:30** Gov Night – entertainment with Gidi Gov **22:40** Moon Over Miami – detective series **23:45** Herman's Head – comedy **00:00** News **00:05** Herman's Head (continued)

■ JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17:00 French programs **18:30** News in French **19:00** News in Hebrew **19:30** News highlights in English **20:00** News in Arabic **20:30** Quantum Leap **20:30** Coach **21:10** Shade of L.A. **22:20** Headhunters **23:10** Upper Hand

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club **14:55** Film: Lorna Doone – Yeoman falls in love with an outlaw's daughter. Providentially she turns out to be a kidnapped heiress **16:30** Mighty Mouse **16:55** Jonny Quest **17:20** Dangermouse **17:45** Superbook II **18:10** Documentary **19:10** Rescue 911 **20:00** World News Tonight **20:30** CNN Headline News **21:00** The Cosby Show **21:30** Lois and Clark: The new adventures of Superman **22:20** The Commish **23:10** 700 Club **00:00** Special Programs

CABLE

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Local broadcast **9:00** One Life to Live **9:45** The Young and the Restless **10:30** Guests in the Living Room **11:00** I Love Lucy **11:30** Celeste **12:15** Murphy Brown **12:40** Falcon Crest **13:30** Designing Women **14:00** Israeli Clips **14:15** I'll Fly Away **15:00** Topaz **15:50** Knots Landing **16:35** Neighbors **17:00** Love Boat **17:50** Israeli Clips **18:05** One Life to Live **18:50** The Young and the Restless **19:30** Local broadcast **20:05** Celeste **20:50** Falcon Crest **21:40** Cheers **22:10** Murphy Brown **22:35** The Nanny **23:00** ENG **23:50** Coach **00:20** The Commish **1:10** Murder She Wrote

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Addicted to His Love (1988) (rpt) **12:10** God's Little Acre (1958) (rpt) **14:15** Race Against the Harvest (1986) (rpt) **15:45** Hell Hath No Fury (1991) (rpt) **17:25** Lantern Hill (1991) – family drama about a girl who tries to bring her separated parents back together (rpt) **19:20** Criminal Behavior (1992) (rpt) **20:50** Kim Basinger special **21:00** Habitation of Dragons (1992) – weepy about how hard life was in a small Texan town during the Depression. Starring Brad Davis **22:35** Last Exit to Brooklyn (1989) – hard, stylish drama about the tough life and unreachable dreams of Brooklyn workers in the early 1950s. Starring Stephen Lang, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Jerry Orbach. Directed by Uli Edel (98 mins) **00:15** Next of Kin (1989) (rpt) **2:00** Stay Tuned (1992) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN'S CHANNEL (6)

6:30 Cartoons **8:30** Cartoons **9:05** Wild West C.O.W **9:30** Orson and Olivia **10:05** World of Peter Rabbit **10:30** Flying Doughnut **11:00** Beverly Hills 90210 **12:00** Animal Park **12:30** Family Ties **12:50** Hugo **13:15** Tazmania **13:30** Movie: Care Bears II **15:05** World of Peter Rabbit **15:30** Flying Doughnut **16:00** Beverly Hills 90210 **17:00** Animal Park **17:30** Family Ties **18:05** Treasure Island **18:30** Astro Farm **19:00** Cartoons **19:30** Three's Company **20:00** Married with Children **20:25** Hanging with Mr. Cooper **20:45** All in the Family **21:15** Law and Order

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Montenegro (1981) – surrealistic offbeat comedy by Yugoslav director Dusan Makavejev about a bored middle-class housewife who has a swinging time in a bar with some Yugoslav workers. Starring Susan Anspach (92 mins) **23:40** Bluebeard's Eighth Wife (1938) – Ernst Lubitsch directs this comedy starring Gary Cooper as a millionaire who meets Claudette Colbert, the daughter of an impoverished French marquis. She becomes his eighth wife and teaches him a lesson about love and money

■ DISCOVERY CHANNEL (8)

6:00 Open University: Management and Economics **11:00** White Plague **12:00** Beyond 2000 **13:00** Pacific Outdoors **13:30** New Explorer **14:00** Open University **16:00** White Plague **17:00** Beyond 2000 **18:00** Open University **20:00** Equinox **21:00** Transformations **22:00** Timeless Voices **23:00** Pacific Outdoors **23:30** New Explorer **00:00** Open University

■ SUPER CHANNEL

7:00 Weekly Business **7:30** NBC News **8:00** ITN World News **8:15** Weekly Business **8:45** Strictly Business **9:00** ITN World News **9:15** Strictly Business **9:30** Inside Edition **10:00** Super Shop **11:00** Rolonda **12:00** Rivera Live **13:00** Today's Business **13:30** FT Business Today **14:00** Today **16:00** The Money Wheel **18:30** FT Business Tonight **19:00** Today **20:00** ITN World News Live **20:30** Dreams of Flight **21:30** I Witness Video **22:30** Inside Edition **23:00** ITN World News **23:30** The Best of the Tonight Show with Jay Leno **00:30** Real Personal **1:00** FT Business Tonight

■ STAR PLUS

6:00 Donahue **7:00** Video Fashion Monthly **7:30** Aerobics **8:00** Neighbors **8:30** Santa Barbara **9:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **10:00** Oprah Winfrey **11:00** Riviera **11:30** Frugal Gourmet Cooks **12:00** Aerobics **12:30** The Sullivans **13:00** Small Wonder **13:30** Robotech **14:00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles **14:30** Batman **15:00** Video Fashion **15:30** Neighbors **16:00** M*A*S*H **16:30** Think Again Special: Toward the Light **18:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **19:00** Santa Barbara **20:00** The Twilight Zone **20:30** M*A*S*H **21:00** Remington Steele **22:00** Video Fashion **22:30** Neighbors **23:00** Movie: Breaker Morant **1:00** Perfect Scoundrels

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Waking to Music **9:00** Philharmonia Orchestra cond. David Amos plays works by Hovhaness – Concerto no 8 for Orchestra; Elibris; Hallelujah and Fugue for string orch; Anahid **10:00** Works by Israeli composers **10:25** Paul Winter at the Mann Auditorium **12:25** John Tavarner: We Shall See Him As He Is **14:06** Israeli Artists Abroad – Vivaldi: Cello concerto in A minor; Bruch: Violin concerto in G minor; Haydn: Cello concerto in D (Harnoy); Saint-Saens: Piano Concerto no 2; Mendelssohn: Violin concerto in E minor (Gitlis) **16:00** Musical works in different arrangements **17:00** Live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem – Reuben Seroussi (guitar). D. Scarlatti: 4 Sonatas arr Seroussi; Ponce: Vari

Police hurt in angry Druse demo

BILL HUTMAN

THOUSANDS of angry Druse converged on the Prime Minister's Office yesterday, blocking roads and scuffling with police and Border Police who tried to contain the demonstration.

Twelve policemen were lightly to moderately injured, and six of them had to be hospitalized, the police spokesman said. He had no figures on the number of protesters injured, although several were reportedly hurt.

At the end of the day-long demonstration, Druse leaders vowed to hold more protests against the government's alleged failure to provide the funds needed to bring their communities up to par with Jewish communities.

The leaders rejected as "inadequate" the promises for additional NIS 30 million in funding made by ministers, in a meeting held at the Prime Minister's Office in response to the protest.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin also offered to set up a special committee to examine the situation in each Druse village. He said he would work to implement the committee's recommendations, to be due in three months.

"We want not only a bond of blood with the State of Israel, but also a bond of life," said MK and Druse leader Assad Assad (Likud), referring to the Druse service in the IDF.

"The government keeps presenting absurd proposals and expects us to accept them," Assad said. "All we are asking the government is to give Druse communities the money they deserve."

Busloads of Druse, mainly from the Galilee, arrived at the Prime Minister's Office in the morning in preparation for the well-planned protest.



Police restrain a Druse protestor during the demonstration outside the Prime Minister's Office. (AP)

Hundreds of police and Border Police were also on hand, in anticipation of a rowdy demonstration.

Unrest quickly erupted when the crowd broke through police barricades and rushed towards the Prime Minister's Office, where the cabinet was holding its weekly meeting.

Demonstrators threw rocks, sticks, and protest signs at police and the vehicles of ministers coming and going from the cabinet meeting. Several club-wielding protesters beat police officers, breaking the bones of three officers.

A stand-off ensued during most of the day as police unsuccessfully tried to force the crowd out of the parking lot area in front of the Prime Minister's Office.

Traffic was directed away from the government complex throughout the day. Ministers had to use a back entrance to get inside the Prime Minister's Office.

Several protesters were detained and later released. Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit said he had ordered officers to use constraint in handling the protesters, saying he understood the Druse anger although they were wrong to take it out on police.

"To my sorrow some of the protesters were out of control and violent, and only the constraint and cool-headedness shown by police prevented a more violent confrontation," Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said.

Hefetz, who along with Amit personally oversaw police operations during the demonstration, said some 1,200 policemen were called in to help keep order.

Histadrut assets worth NIS 500m to be sold

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut's Hevrat Ha'ovdim convention decided yesterday to sell off NIS 500 million in assets in order to pay off the Histadrut's debt to Kupat Holim Clalit.

However, the convention's resolution will only take effect after the High Court of Justice rules on its validity during a hearing scheduled for next Thursday. A High Court injunction, obtained over the weekend by convention member Ben-Zion Bayer, forbids the Histadrut leadership to register the decision as legal, until three High Court judges decide whether the Histadrut can legally sell off assets, which belong to all its 1.5 million members.

The Histadrut leadership intends to establish a "reserve" fund, consisting of NIS 500 million, in order to pay the Histadrut's NIS 420 million debt to Kupat Holim Clalit as part of the Histadrut-government recovery program for the health fund.

Histadrut Parliament chairman MK Ran Cohen said yesterday the only assets the Histadrut has left – its real estate and property is on lien to banks – are shares in Koor and Bank Hapoalim, which it will sell.

The decision to sell Hevrat Ha'ovdim assets required a change of the Histadrut's constitution, since the holding company's property belongs to the Histadrut's members and selling it is considered an infringement of the members' rights.

Two previous sessions of the convention failed to assemble the required quorum – 1,000 delegates out of 1,500 – and dispersed without making any decisions.

This third session, held at Histadrut headquarters, did not require a minimal quorum according to the regulations, and therefore could adopt the resolution with any number of delegates present. Indeed, the resolution passed in less than 25 minutes.

Cohen said yesterday that he is not at all worried by Bayer's appeal to the High Court.

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'Dinitz input not needed for his expenses'

THE Jewish Agency's Emissary Department had no need of information from Chairman Simcha Dinitz to do an accounting with him of his personal and institutional expenses, defense attorney Uri Wagman contended at yesterday's session of Dinitz's trial.

In his cross-examination of Emissary Department head Uri Ilash, Wagman also maintained that the prosecution's contention that Dinitz was obligated to submit an expense report after every trip abroad was incorrect. He insisted that Ilash's staff had all the necessary information to determine what Dinitz's expenses were.

Ilash, however, took issue with this, saying that even though he had information on Dinitz's trips, a final accounting could not be made until Dinitz either approved or changed that information. If we knew everything beforehand, Ilash said, why was it necessary to meet with Dinitz over a six-month period to clarify the situation?

Wagman respond that the clarification came at Dinitz's request.

Dinitz is on trial in Jerusalem District Court on charges of fraud in connection with his use of agency credit cards for personal matters. (Itim)

TAAS strike move cleared

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut executive yesterday authorized the declaration of a labor dispute by Israel Industries-TAAS if the talks over layoffs reach an impasse.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat is to respond to the workers' demands on Wednesday, and then the workers will decide whether to declare a work dispute as a prelude to a strike.

Management is seeking to fire 1,500 workers – a number that the workers demand they drastically reduce. Some 6,000 TAAS workers have already lost their jobs over the past four years. The workers also want to ensure that the agreed retirement terms are not infringed upon.

TAAS union chairman Haim Zweig yesterday blasted the Treasury's threat to effect the mass dismissals unilaterally, noting that this would constitute an extremely dangerous precedent. He maintained that the loss of an additional 1,500 workers from the already depleted plant ranks – which reach 4,800 today – will lead to the collapse of the company's professional standard and render it unable to keep its commitments and obligations.

TAAS workers have demonstrated their collective responsibility and cooperated with the recovery program, which brought about the firing of more than 50% of the plant's workers, Zweig said.

Sheves testifies on Deri land allocations issue

EVELYN GORDON

FORMER interior minister Aryeh Deri had asked the Defense Ministry to speed up allocation of alternate lands to religious families who had bought in Nebi Samwil, because he feared the request would create a conflict of interest once he became director-general of the Interior Ministry, Shimon Sheves, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, testified yesterday.

Sheves was testifying about an incident in the mid-1980s, in which religious families bought lands for houses in Nebi Samwil but were unable to build there because the area was not zoned for construction. According to the indictment, Deri – who was a leader of the group and had bought lands in Nebi Samwil himself – used his influence at the Interior Ministry to obtain alternate lands for these families.

During this time, Sheves served as then defense minister Yitzhak Rabin's assistant in charge of settlement. This department was in charge of allocating any lands over the green line, which included both the original plots and the alternate lands proposed by an interministerial committee.

Sheves told prosecutor Yehoshua Resnick that he first discussed the issue with Deri in the summer of 1986, at a "chance" meeting which lasted perhaps 10 minutes. Deri had come to see ministry director-general Haim Yisraeli, and afterwards, Yisraeli asked Sheves to speak with him.

Deri at the time had no official position, but had previously served as assistant to then interior minister Yitzhak Peretz, and was slated to begin work as director-general of the Interior Ministry in the near future.

"Deri asked me [to allocate the alternate lands for the Nebi Samwil families] quickly, in a short time," Sheves said – specifically, before he began his job as director-general. "He didn't want there to be a conflict of interest between the time he was [a chief officer] of Mishtaknei Har Shmuel [the haredi building association requesting the alternate lands] and the time when he would be director-general of the Interior Ministry."

Sheves explained that Deri knew he would be involved in the Nebi Samwil affair from a ministerial perspective as director-general, and feared that it would create a conflict of interest given his personal interest in getting the project off the ground.

In response to a question by defense attorney Dan Avi-Yitzhak, however, Sheves said he "wasn't sure" that Deri had ever mentioned worrying about a conflict of interest. However, he said, Deri had certainly insisted he wanted the allocation done before he became director-general, and the conflict of interest fear was a reasonable inference.

Sheves also told Resnick he "didn't think he knew" that Deri himself had purchased lands at Nebi Samwil, but said Deri had been quite open about his interest in the project as one of the chief officers of Mishtaknei Har Shmuel.

"He told me explicitly that he had a personal interest in this... [that] he was responsible, the manager, the coordinator," Sheves amplified under cross-examination.

Sheves also denied there was anything unusual in Deri's application. "Dozens of people" applied to him for land allocations, he said, because that was his job.

The cross-examination will continue today.

New police chief installed

DAVID RUDGE

COMMANDER Amos Azani officially took over yesterday as the new police chief for the northern region in a ceremony at the regional headquarters in Nazareth.

Azani, 49, had previously been assistant to the head of the national police investigations division, as well as holding the post of president of the police appeals court.

He replaces Commander Ya'acov Ganot, who has taken voluntary leave and is awaiting trial on charges of taking bribes and accepting favors. Ganot, who was not present at yesterday's ceremony, has categorically denied the allegations and opted for trial in order to clear his name.

An honor guard welcomed Azani to his new command, although the wintry conditions put somewhat of a damper on the ceremony itself.

Afterwards, Azani told reporters that his first task would be to learn all the details about the northern region that range the gamut from terrorist attacks and drug smuggling from across the Lebanese border to Jewish-Arab relations.

The possible eviction of Jewish residents from the Golan Heights, in the event of a political decision to that effect, is one of the tasks Azani may have to face in the future.

He is also aware of the antagonism among Israeli Arabs to the settlement of collaborators from the territories. Azani stressed, however, that the numbers were far fewer than the figures circulating in the Arab sector.

Azani called on Israeli Arab public to keep the matter in proportion and not let it develop into a situation "for which there is no need."

Children dumped in Jordan Valley

DAVID RUDGE

ANGRY parents of four 14-year olds from the Safed area have filed a complaint with police, accusing organizers of a school trip of leaving the children stranded in the Jordan Valley near Jericho.

Yossi Romanov, from Moshav Bahriya, said his son Shai and three others were thrown off the bus as punishment for disruptive behavior during the four-day trip organized by the Safed Municipality's community center.

He said an unarmed guide stayed with them and they traveled by Egged bus to the Tzemah junction south of Tiberias, where the guide "left them to make their own way home."

"They had no money left and it was almost Shabbat when they called. I wasn't home, but another parent volunteered to go pick them up," said Romanov.

"Even if they had acted like criminals, there can be no justification for leaving four children in such circumstances. My cousin, weightlifter Yossi Romanov, was killed in the Munich massacre. We don't want any more tragedies."

Romanov said that apart from asking police to investigate alleged negligence, he also intended to sue the organizers.

Itim quoted the head of the community center, Asher Rahum, as saying that during the trip, the boys endangered their own lives and the lives of their schoolmates.

Ramon proposes wage cuts

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut Executive yesterday began debating a proposal, initiated by Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon, for reductions and cutbacks of up to 20% in the wages and benefits of Na'amat and labor council heads.

The wage scale will be divided on the basis of the number of Histadrut members each labor council serves; the number of towns and settlements served by each council; the number of organized plants in their respective districts and the number of active properties they operate.

According to the proposal, the heads of labor councils and Na'amat branches in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beersheba and Jerusalem will receive a gross monthly wage of NIS 9,100 plus a company car.

Police to get soldiers

The Ministerial Legislation Committee has approved an amendment to the Security Services Law which would add "fulfilling national security goals" to "defending the state" as the reason for compulsory military service. This would permit the IDF to second draftees to the police. Currently, draftees can only serve in the Border Police.

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Lease offered on lots for construction of 868 housing units in Modi'in - Invitation to Tender 300/94/Mem

Bids are invited from those interested in signing 22 month development agreements, after which the parties concerned will sign 49 year leases, for land, the details of which are given below.

Lot	Plots No.*	Approx. plot area, sq.m.	Maximum construction area sq.m.	Max. No. of housing units on plot	No. of small housing units on lot	Development costs NIS **	Deposit ††
C-10	Mem-118	17,798	9,408	84	21	3,430,000	420
C-11	Mem-117	3,789	3,500	35	15	1,276,000	175
C-12	Mem-115	11,115	9,545	83	13	3,480,000	415
C-13	Mem-131	6,566	5,616	48	28	6,990,000	805
	Mem-114 Alef	16,675	13,867	113			
C-14	Mem-113	10,774	7,770	70	58	6,412,000	810
	Mem-114 Bet	12,209	9,703	92			
C-15	Mem-112	8,205	5,886	54	14	2,146,000	270
C-16	Mem-103	6,755	5,537	49	17	4,032,000	475
	Mem-104	7,745	5,529	46			
C-17	Mem-111	11,817	8,280	69	4	3,020,000	4345
C-18	Mem 110	20,380	15,825	125	12	5,700,000	625

†† Thousands of NIS.
* The urban building plan for the above land is Gimmel Zayin/Mem Dalet/Dalet Mem/5. The successful bidder will be required to build small housing units, as detailed above, in addition to the construction called for in the urban building plan.
** In addition to the amount paid for the land, the successful bidder will pay directly to the Min. of Housing the development costs listed above, and in the tender booklet documents. These sums are linked to the index of road surfacing for September 1994 (4,248.9). No VAT will be paid on this amount, and no claims may be made to the VAT authorities, on the strength of this payment, as explained in the tender documents.

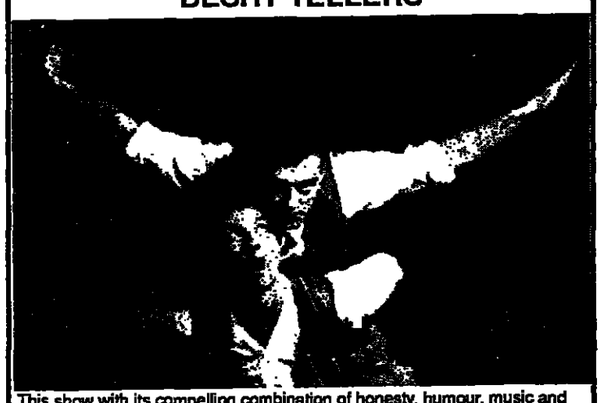
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1.a. A company or person, registered in the Contractors Register under Building, Main Branch (100), in accordance with the Law for the Registering of Contractors for Civil Engineering Construction Work 1969 (hereunder "the contractor").
b. A company or person, not registered in the Contractors Register, who acts as an entrepreneur for the sale and leasing of buildings, constructed by contractors who are registered in the Contractors Register (hereunder, an entrepreneur).
2. Contractors/entrepreneurs, registered in the Contractors Register under Building, Main Branch (100), and whose certified building scope, as attested by documentation issued by the Planning and Engineering Administration of the Min. of Housing is:

Lot	Certified Building Scope required to bid (contractors/entrepreneurs)	Category in Contractors Register (contractors)
C-10	At least 100 housing units	Gimmel-4
C-11	At least 50 housing units	Gimmel-3
C-12	At least 100 housing units	Gimmel-4
C-13	At least 100 housing units	Gimmel-5
C-14	At least 100 housing units	Gimmel-5
C-15	At least 75 housing units	Gimmel-4
C-16	At least 100 housing units	Gimmel-4
C-17	At least 75 housing units	Gimmel-4
C-18	At least 75 housing units	Gimmel-5

Bidders may bid for up to nine of the lots in this Modi'in tender, but no company will be awarded **more than one lot.**
A successful bidders will be entitled to an accelerated building program incentive, on the conditions set out in the tender documents.
The tender booklet is available, on submission of a receipt from the Post Bank for NIS1,000 (cash only, including VAT), for a payment into Min. of Housing account 0050364, for the Modi'in Project. The booklets will be available at the Israel Lands Administration, Central Region, 66 Derech Petah Tikva, Tel Aviv, Sun. - Thur., during regular working hours.
A bank check or bank guarantee for the highest of the deposit amounts for the lots bid for, must be attached to bids.
Last date for submitting bids: January 12, 1995 (12 noon). A bid not found in the tenders box when it is opened, whatever the reason, cannot be considered.
The Israel Lands Administration reserves the right to accept any bid or to reject all bids, including the highest.
A tour of Modi'in and meeting of bidders will be held on December 29, 1994, starting at 10 a.m. Meeting point: office of the project management, at the construction site - access by Road 443 (the Ben-Shemen Givat Ze'ev road) south-east of the Moshav Shilo filling station.
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